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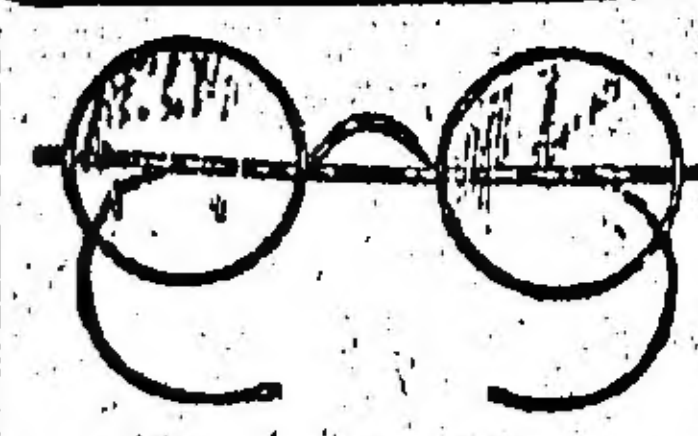
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TIME-TABLE.

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UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 24 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.10	9.15	9.20	9.25	9.30	9.35	9.40	9.45	9.50	9.55	10.00	10.05	10.10	10.15	10.20	10.25	10.30	10.35	10.40	10.45	10.50
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.44	8.49	8.54	8.59	9.04	9.09	9.14	9.19	9.24	9.29	9.34	9.39	9.44	9.49	9.54	9.59	10.04	10.09	10.14	10.19	10.24	10.29	10.34	10.39
Shatin Dep.	8.38	8.43	8.48	8.53	8.58	9.03	9.08	9.13	9.18	9.23	9.28	9.33	9.38	9.43	9.48	9.53	9.58	10.03	10.08	10.13	10.18	10.23	10.28	10.33
Tai Po Dep.	7.10	7.15	7.20	7.25	7.30	7.35	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.55	8.00	8.05	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.25	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05
Market Dep.	7.15	7.20	7.25	7.30	7.35	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.55	8.00	8.05	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.25	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.10
Fanning Dep.	7.25	7.30	7.35	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.55	8.00	8.05	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.25	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.10	9.15	9.20
Shung Shui Dep.	7.30	7.35	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.55	8.00	8.05	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.25	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.10	9.15	9.20	9.25
Shum Shu Dep.	7.38	7.43	7.48	7.53	7.58	8.03	8.08	8.13	8.18	8.23	8.28	8.33	8.38	8.43	8.48	8.53	8.58	9.03	9.08	9.13	9.18	9.23	9.28	9.33
Canton Arr.	12.34	12.39	12.44	12.49	12.54	12.59	13.04	13.09	13.14	13.19	13.24	13.29	13.34	13.39	13.44	13.49	13.54	13.59	14.04	14.09	14.14	14.19	14.24	14.29

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 24 P.M.
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Shung Shui Dep.	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.55	8.00	8.05	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.25	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.10	9.15	9.20	9.25	9.30	9.35
Fanning Dep.	7.45	7.50	7.55	8.00	8.05	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.25	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.10	9.15	9.20	9.25	9.30	9.35	9.40
Market Dep.	7.50	7.55	8.00	8.05	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.25	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.10	9.15	9.20	9.25	9.30	9.35	9.40	9.45
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All who travel are affected by the recommendations—motorists, people who use the railways to get to and from work, and millions of daily tramway passengers. Harbours, canals, coastwise shipping also come within the scope of the report.

The Commission was appointed in August, 1928, under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, and has already presented two reports.

On these earlier reports the new traffic laws and highway code have largely been based.

The main recommendations and observations of the Commission are:

Railways.

"There has been practically no improvement in locomotive speed in this country during the last 80 years. Many of the present schedules are a positive invitation to motor competition."

"Services should be speeded up and made more convenient to the travelling public."

"We are satisfied that in many instances fares charged by the railways have been excessive, and we venture to suggest that a general revision and lowering of fares would do far more towards the recovery of their passenger traffic than the methods adopted by them at present."

"The Commission finds that the public objects to the 'irritating conditions' attached to cheap day and week-end trips."

The Seats Question.

"Pointing to the fact that a passenger who books for a motor coach journey is assured of a seat and that a railway passenger is not, the Commission suggests that the railway companies should be placed under a statutory obligation to provide a seat for each passenger."

who joins a main line train at its starting point and that great efforts should be made to accommodate passengers joining a train at stations on the route.

The Commission doubts the wisdom of the railway companies' policy of establishing road services themselves, and expresses the view that the money would be better applied to the electrification of their suburban lines.

Highways.

The Commission does not support the expenditure of 'very large additional sums' of public money on the provision of new arterial roads, but urges that the activities of the local road authorities and of the Ministry of Transport should be concentrated on:

- Complete reconstruction of many existing roads;
- Widening of roads;
- Improvement of road junctions and lines of sight;
- Construction of by-pass roads;
- Strengthening of weak bridges;
- Freeing of toll-bridges and roads; and
- The progressive reconstruction of built-up areas.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(February 4.)

Queen's Theatre: "Romance."
World Theatre: "Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Flying Fleet."
Central Theatre: "With Byrd at the South Pole."

Hunting: Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet (Totts' Bungalow).
Lecture at University, Dr. J. H. Montgomery on Radium, 5.30 p.m.
Navy (U.S.N.C. ground) 4.30 p.m.
Farwell performance of the Westminster Old Singers: Matinee at 3 p.m. Evening, 8.15 p.m.
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m. and Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.—European Mail: Europe via Siberia (Asama Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Thursday.

(February 5.)

Queen's Theatre: "Men of the North."
Star Theatre: "Last Warning."
World Theatre: "Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).
Central Theatre: "With Byrd at the South Pole."
Helena May Concert, 8.30 p.m.—Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.—European Mail: Outward: Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), 10 a.m.

Friday.

(February 6.)

Queen's Theatre: "Men of the North."
Star Theatre: "Last Warning."
World Theatre: "Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).
Queen's College, Prize giving (H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E. presiding).
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Distribution of Prizes at Government Vernacular Middle School, 11 a.m.
Tea Party to Sir William Hornell, University, 4.30 p.m.—European Mail: Inward: Europe via Suez (Takuma) and (Antenor).

Saturday.

(February 7.)

Queen's Theatre: "Men of the North."
Star Theatre: "Last Warning."
World Theatre: "Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).

Boxing—Hong Kong Boxing Association Tournament (Theatre Royal).

Crickets—Division I: University v. Royal Artillery (L.), Hong Kong C.C. (F.), Indian R.C. v. Civil Service (F.). Division II: Royal Engineers v. Police (L.), Civil Service v. Recreation (L.), Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong (F.). Football—Division I: Chinese v. Navy, Highlanders v. Club, S. China v. Borderers, Recreation v. Kowloon, Division II: University v. Navy, S. China v. Chinese, Borderers v. Recreation, St. Joseph's v. Highlanders, Royal Artillery v. Eastern, Club v. Kowloon, Division III: Chinese v. S. China, Ewo v. Fukien, R.A.S.C. v. Royal Air Force.

Golf—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's Cup.
Hockey—Cher Clark Cup, Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club v. Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club.
Hunting—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet (the Kennels), 3.15 p.m.
Rugby—Interport Probables v. Services.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.—Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.—European Mail: Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashima Maru), 9.30 a.m.

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"Killed be blowed," answered the self-satisfied pedestrian. "I've come here out of the way of the motors."

SAFETY LAST.

SOME AMERICAN MOTORING EPITAPHS. Lies slumbering here one William Lake;

He heard the bell but had no brake. At fifty miles drove Allie Pidd; He thought he wouldn't skid, but did.

At ninety miles drove Eddie Shawa; The motor stopped; but Ed kept on.

Here he sleeps, one Johnny Fonker; He rounded a turn without a honker.

Down in the creek sleeps Jerry Bass; The bridge was narrow; he tried to pass.

Here lies the body of William Jay, Who died maintaining his right-of-way.

Here's all what's left of Harry; At the cross roads he did not tarry. John William Jones lies under this thistle;

He didn't heed the engine's whistle.

Motorist (after knocking over a butcher's boy): "Are you hurt, my lad?"

Butcher's Boy (picking up contents of his basket): "Dunno; here's me liver and ribs, but where's me kidneys?"

Magistrate: "What on earth do you mean by racing through the village at sixty miles an hour?"

Lady Motorist: "It was like this. My brakes had gone wrong, so I was getting home as fast as I could before I had an accident."

A man who rarely pays his bills went to Olympia and bought the biggest and fastest car he could find there.

Somebody who had an account with him saw the transaction and asked him what he meant by buying a car, and such a car, when he did not pay his bills.

"That," he replied, "is my chief reason for buying a fast car."

Over-Cautious Driver: "What was that that whizzed by?"

Passenger (used to sports model): "It passed too quickly to see properly, but I think it was a traction engine."

"My wife has a tongue like a motor-car."

"How's that?"

"Well, she's always using it to run people down."

Dear Old Lady: "Don't you think you drive awfully fast?"

Young Blood: "Just a bit. I touched sixty last Sunday going to Brighton."

D.O.L.: "And didn't you kill any?"

"You say you lost control of your car. How was that?"

"I got behind with the instalments."

The car did not give them a dog's chance. It was on them before you could say "knife." The farmer and his wife were bowled over and they rolled into the gutter, considerably bruised. And, as so often happens, the juggernaut dashed on without stopping.

A policeman ran up to give assistance to the damaged couple. "Did you get the number of the car?" inquired the P.C.

"Yes," muttered the man, as audibly as he could. "Curiously enough, the first two figures were any age and the last two my wife's age."

"What were the figure?" inquired the law, as it licked a pencil.

"They were four, nine . . ."

The wife sat up for the first time.

"George," she snapped, "we will say no more about the matter."

NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE.

THE CAR OF THE FUTURE.

The car of the near future will probably have the engine close to the driven wheels, provide variable torque, or embody a torque converter with finger-tip controls from full ahead to full brake. Independently sprung wheels must surely be adopted sooner or later, yet to produce a car embodying all these characteristics at once would be to court financial disaster. Inherent dread of the novel and unknown would result in its condemnation by sales and service, apart from the potential buyer. If, however, one or two points such as low-level bodies with rearward engines were given a fair trial, development would probably be considerably more rapid.—The Automobile Engineer.

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CAR RACES IN THE PARKS.

A suggestion that motor-car road racing should be permitted in a big London park was made by Earl Howe, the racing motorist, when addressing the Southampton Round Table.

Earl Howe deplored the fact that road racing was illegal in England, and remarked:

"I am perfectly certain that this country is much poorer for not having it. There is nothing to look forward to in this direction from legislation, but it could be done if the First Commissioner of Works could be induced to permit by executive order road racing in one of the big parks, say Richmond Park, or some other park of that character."

"It would not interfere with the general enjoyment of the park if racing were permitted, and it would provide a wonderful spectacle."

Referring to the fact that very few British firms seemed to take part in road races in Ireland and abroad, Earl Howe said:

"If our manufacturers stand off from road racing altogether, as there seems to be a certain danger of their doing, they will undoubtedly hand over the development of the motor-car to the foreigner."

IMPORTANT TRACTION ORDERS.

The General Electric Co., Ltd., of Magnet House, Kingsway, London, has received from the Underground Railways Company an important order for the supply of some 300 heavy traction motors for the new rolling stock required in connection with the Cockfosters-Hounslow extension of the Piccadilly line.

This order constitutes the ninth successive order for electric traction equipment received by the G.E.C. from the London Underground in the past few years, and when completed will bring the

total of modern heavy railway motors of G.E.C. manufacture in use on Underground cars to nearly 2,000. The General Electric Co. has also received, through the Birmingham

Railway Carriage & Wagon Co., Ltd., the order for the complete electrical equipment of 61 new compartment-type coaches now being constructed to the order of the Metropolitan Railway Company, Birmingham.

London. The material to be supplied comprises electric traction, lighting and heating equipment for 14 4-motor motor coaches, 14 driving trailer coaches, 14 1st-class trailer coaches, and 10 3rd-class trailer coaches. The motor coaches will each have a power output of 1,100 h.p., and each be equipped with four self-ventilated motors rating at 275 h.p. on the one-hour rating. The control gear will be of the electro-pneumatic type. The equipment for both the above orders will be manufactured throughout at the General Electric Co.'s Witton Engineering Works, Birmingham.

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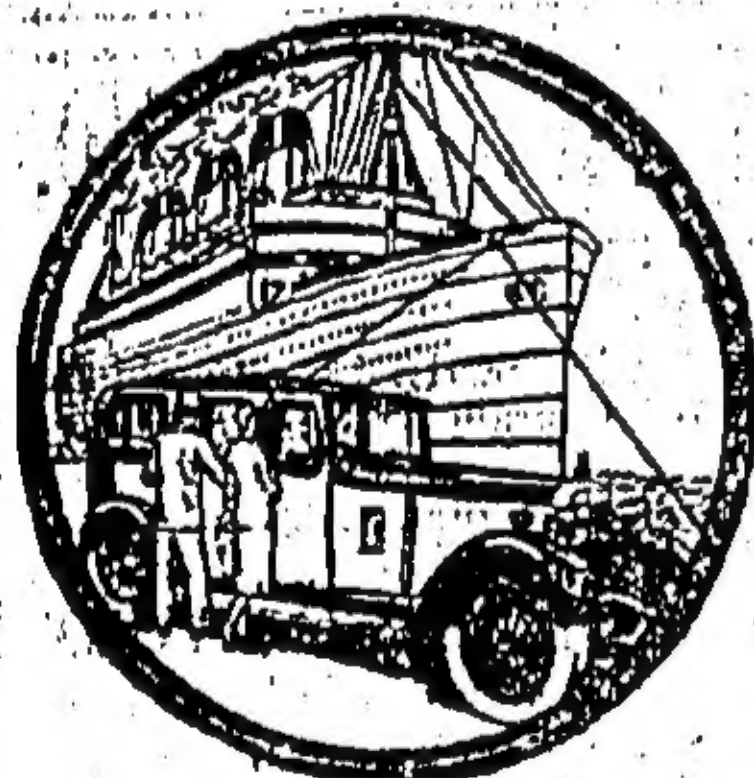
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MOTOR NOTES

CHOOSING COACHWORK.

BODIES AND FITTINGS.

A bewildering variety of bodies is now offered to the motoring public, for even on a really cheap chassis the manufacturer may list five or six types of coachwork, while body-builders may advertise a dozen proprietary bodies for popular cars. The taste of individual owners varies over wide limits; but for owners of limited experience a discussion founded on many purchases may serve to clear the air. The first problem is the choice between open and closed bodies. All closed bodies suffer from a serious disadvantage. No matter how ingeniously a portion of the top is arranged to open, the remaining portions obstruct the passengers' view when traversing fine scenery. On the other hand, a closed car is plainly desirable during perhaps nine months of an average British year, and is at once quieter and more durable than almost any existing convertible body. Six months ago too many closed cars were liable to give the occupants a bad headache, but as this tendency is vastly reduced in the 1931 models, there is no longer cause to advocate the open body.

When decision has been made in favour of a closed car, much material for discussion remains. Should the body be fabric or steel or composite? Fabric is lighter than metal; it is less affected by external temperature, owing to its double cavity walls. On the other hand, it is less durable than cellulose metal panelling, and a small tear may necessitate re-covering quite a large area, as the fabric is attached in large sheets. It offers comparatively little protection to passengers in the event of a serious crash or of a capsize. The welded steel body is only obtainable on cars with a large output, because the high cost of the dies is prohibitive unless a great many bodies are built. These welded steel bodies maintain their silence at least as long as any other type. They are, as a rule, susceptible of local repairs at a reasonable price. They offer the maximum protection in accidents. They are easily repaired. They have indeed, no drawbacks except that they are extremely hot in sultry weather. The composite body is the only alternative to fabric in cars built in limited quantities. They are constructed from wooden skeletons, filled in with metal panels. Unless they are beautifully made and carefully maintained, they are apt to generate tiresome noises, whereas a fabric body, constructed under Weymann patents, should remain as quiet as a homogeneous steel structure. I prefer the Weymann body to any composite pattern.

Doors and Lockers.

The three most popular closed bodies are the two-door saloon, the four-door saloon, and the various forms of coupé. There is not one word to be urged in favour of the

two-door saloon except its cheapness. Four doors should be specified whenever funds permit. The two-seater coupé is a very pleasant body for owners who seldom desire to convey additional passengers; it usually contains a couple of emergency rear seats. Emergency rear seats are an asset by reason of their discomfort when one wishes to discourage undesirable companions, but a nuisance when the additional companions are real friends. The so-called "close-coupled sports coupé" is usually our old enemy, the two-door saloon under a grandiose name, and suffers from all the defects of its type; it has no merits apart from its racy appearance.

The modern closed car often incorporates a bulged tail, inside which is a locker for suitcases. These lockers may be a very charming asset or a snare and a delusion. They should, of course, be ready fitted with special suitcases. If supplied unfitted, they will never under any circumstances accommodate the family's existing cases, and the provision of proper cases may add £15 to the cost of the car, for the locker dimensions never lend themselves to standard sizes of case. But even if cases are fitted, the locker may be a nuisance. For example, a five-seater car may be fitted with only three cases; and these three cases may be far too small to satisfy their users. Meanwhile the existence of the tail bulge may prevent the owner from fitting a grid, to which he can fix adequate cases. Thus the locker should hold a sufficient number of spacious cases, ready fitted by the manufacturer; otherwise, it is a liability rather than an asset.

Upholstery.

Some cheap cars still suffer from most uncomfortable seating. Pneumatic cushions are the cheapest substitute for the luxury of really expensive spring seats, and are in fact just about as comfortable as any alternative. The driver's seat should be adjustable for reach; and if several persons drive the car in turns, the adjustment should be of the lightning type, and demand no tools. A central arm-rest between the rear seats is very valuable; otherwise the rear passengers will be slung against each other whenever a corner is taken fast. On long runs there should be some form of armrest outside each seat. The door handles should be accessible inside the car; and every seat except the driving-seat should have a grip by which the occupant can raise himself from his semi-recumbent position when he wishes to leave the car. If the car is long footrests will enhance the comfort of short passengers. In purchasing American cars the angles of the seats and their backs should be considered; some imported cars still seat their occupants in positions which approach the vertical far too closely for comfort.

The provision of external fittings may usually be left to the experience of the manufacturer. Bumpers, fenders and side mouldings in these days of crowded garages and parking-places. A spotlight goes far to relieve the driver of arm-signals. A fog-lamp is essential in winter.

CAR SALES IN 1930.

BIGGER TYPES BECOMING MORE POPULAR.

Although there are no official statistics of the sales of new cars, an almost exact idea of what has been done is to be obtained from the figures of new registrations periodically issued by the Ministry of Transport. These registrations for the past year—to be precise, for the twelve months ending October 31 last, for the returns for the calendar year are not yet available—are more than ordinarily interesting and suggestive. They show, as was to be expected, a decline in the number of new cars going into private ownership compared with the previous twelve months, and more notably they indicate a falling off in the numbers of small cars and a pronounced rise in types of higher power. They confirm that there is a marked tendency on the part of the public to buy cars of what is known as the family type—cars of the roomy type, and with power, and reserve of power, for general use.

The registrations for this twelve-month period have been analysed month by month, and in the various horse-power categories, by *The Autocar*, and a study of the figures further confirms this changing taste of the car-buying public. The total figure of 154,810 compares with that of 166,764 for the corresponding previous twelve months, a drop of 11,954, heavy enough to be serious. But the various horse-power categories are much more interesting. The 5-h.p. class, which comprises all the "baby" type of cars, registered 39,923 new cars, compared with 38,631 for the previous twelve months. This gives an increase of only 1,192, which indicates a marked check in the popularity of this type. The 10-h.p. class, which had been winning its way back to a fairly high position, registers an increase of only 1,054—10,043 as against 8,989 for the previous twelve months. The 12-h.p. car, once easily the first, being well ahead of all others in numbers, now in new registrations suffers a serious decline, the latest figures being 25,432, compared with the previous total of 30,446. Even greater decline is shown by the 14-h.p. car, once the most in demand in the medium-power type. In the twelve months ended October last the registrations were only 2,166, compared with 11,520 for the previous period. The falling off in popularity in this case has been remarkably rapid.

This is due in large measure to the coming of new 15-h.p. cars, the little more power being welcome in itself, but still more welcome being the modern layout and modern equipment, all at little more if indeed any higher tax, since most of the 14-h.p. cars were really 14.9-h.p., and so carried a £15 tax. The 15-h.p. class has surged ahead. It has made more progress, relatively, than any other type; the registrations being 22,023 compared with 9,355 for the previous twelve months. In the models of still higher power—the 20, the 24, and the 25 h.p. cars have made good progress, but most of the others show a small decline. The 20-h.p. has increased from 3,168 to 3,567, a gain of 399; the 24-h.p. has a bigger increase with 4,430, as against 2,915, a gain of 1,515; and the 25-h.p., which in 1929 was the only car carrying the fluid flywheel and the automatic gear change, has 906 registrations compared with 654 for the previous period. One type stands in magnificent solitude, the 28-h.p. class, of which one new car alone was registered in May last.

MAN STRUCK BY PEER'S CAR.

JURY HOLD DRIVER WAS NOT TO BLAME.

BROUGHT TO INQUEST ON A STRETCHER.

A jury exonerated the Earl of Clarendon at a Wombly inquest on Mr. B. Moran, who was knocked down by the Earl's car. Lord Clarendon, who has been appointed to succeed the Earl of Athlone as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Union of South Africa, lives at Pitt House, Hampstead, N.W.

Mrs. Sarah Moran, who was also involved in the accident, was brought into court on a stretcher, and placed near the Coroner, Mr. George Cohen. She said that she was getting better. Her husband had good hearing, but the vision of his left eye was defective. At the time of the accident they crossed the Ealing Road together at Alperton, and they thought the road was clear. She could not remember the accident or anything following it. Before Mrs. Moran was taken back to the hospital, Mr. Russell Vick expressed the sympathy and regret of the Earl and the Countess of Clarendon and their hopes for Mrs. Moran's speedy recovery.

Arm in Arm.

Miss Olive May Western said that she saw a car coming along at what she thought was a normal speed. Mr. Moran and his wife stood on the edge of the pavement for a fraction of a second and then, holding each other's arms, crossed the road at a fast rate. The car, which was on its right side, knocked them down.

THE MINUTE THAT SEEMS A YEAR

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

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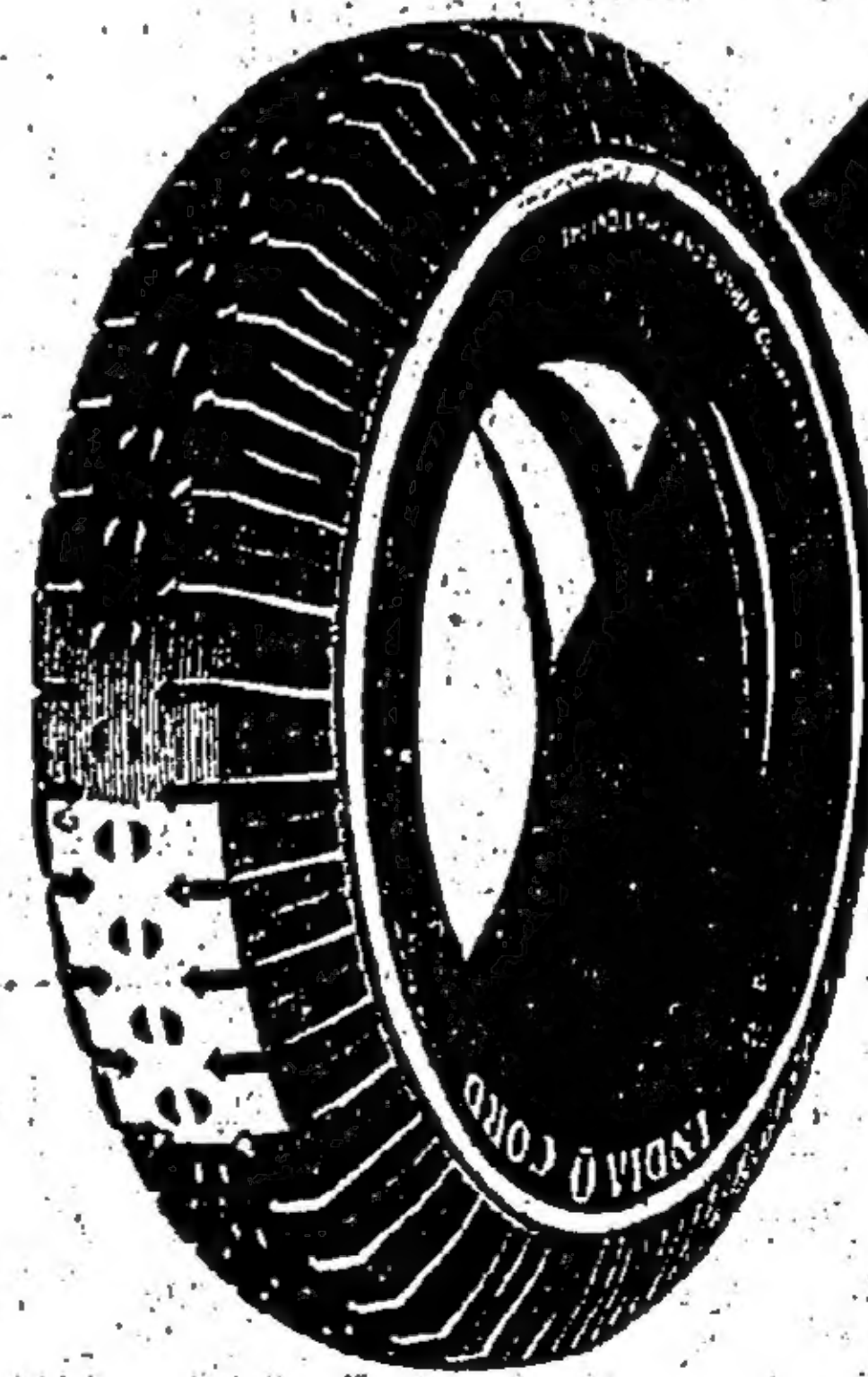
WHEN YOU'VE HAD ONLY A LIGHT LUNCHEON AT HOME, ON ACCOUNT OF BEING INVITED TO COUSIN ELLA'S FOR THE EVENING MEAL ON THANKSGIVING DAY, AND WHEN YOU GET THERE COUSIN ELLA ANNOUNCES SHE'S HAVING JUST A LIGHT SUPPER BECAUSE SHE KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FEEL LIKE EATING ANOTHER BIG THANKSGIVING DINNER.

"If they had looked they would have seen the car," said Miss Western. "I would not have crossed myself at that moment." Samuel Street, an L.G.O.C. bus driver, said that he was going towards Ealing in the opposite direction to the car. In his opinion the car was going too fast round the bend. Replying to Mr. Russell Vick, the bus driver said that the lighting at

that point was poor, there being many shadows. The Earl of Clarendon, the driver of the car, said that he had driven for 10 years and knew the road well. He put his maximum speed at between 20 and 25 miles an hour. The Coroner: Do you think you turned the corner too quickly?—No, I don't think so. Moran and his wife seemed to appear from nowhere.

Lord Clarendon added that he instantly applied his brakes and averted to the right, but he knew he had knocked them down for he felt the impact. The Countess of Clarendon, who was sitting next to her husband in the car, also gave evidence. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. They expressed the opinion that Moran was not taking due care.

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HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENSUS DEVELOPMENT.

NUMBERING THE PEOPLE IN BABYLONIA, CHINA, EGYPT, PALESTINE, ROME AND GREECE.

UNFORTUNATE EFFECT OF A BIBLICAL PRECEDENT.

The word "Census," without other qualification, is now almost solely used to denote the enumeration of the people, periodically undertaken in most civilised countries of the world.

The Latin term "census" originally meant an enumeration of the people by the Roman Censors. The Censors, besides being concerned with the official registration of the Roman citizens (census), were also in charge of public morals (regime morum); they made arrangements for the valuation of property, the collection of the public revenue and the execution of public works. The Roman Census had, therefore, special regard to fiscal matters and to the question of the rights and obligations of citizenship; the statistic and economic aspect of the enumeration of the people which is more prominent now was almost ignored.

SOME EXAMPLES FROM ANTIQUITY.

Babylonia.

An enumeration of the people would appear to have taken place in Babylonia at a very early date, certainly prior to B.C. 3000. Our knowledge of this is derived from a series of some 30,000 tablets (now mainly in the British Museum), dated about B.C. 2500 to 2300, which describe an elaborate system of fiscal or revenue control by which the wealth of the country could be estimated minutely. Careful statistics not only of persons, but also of live stock, asses and oxen were drawn up and butter, honey, milk, wool, and even vegetables were inventoried. The surveys appear to have been made at intervals of about 6 or 7 years.

Egypt.

In Egypt the construction of the pyramids demanded a considerable body of statistics. These are believed to have been compiled about 3050 B.C. About 2300 B.C. and again 1400 B.C. map of the country and statistical data were compiled. An elaborate registration system was in force and for census purposes the country was divided into administrative units.

China.

In China also there appear to have been very early enumerations of the people. In the Analects (Leggo Chap. X.) Confucius is stated to have bowed his head forward over the front rail of his car or chair as a mark of respect to the census-bearer. There is also a reference in the Chau Lai (the laws of the Chau Dynasty) to the officer who was "in charge of the entering up of the number of the myriad people." All those who have teeth and upwards (i.e., over eight months old in the case of males and seven months in the case of females according to the commentator) are entered on tables, with a note of their various regional distinctions and with annual entries of deaths. Every third year there was a special enumeration and the number of the myriad people was reported to the census officer, who in winter on a particular day of sacrifice offered the census roll to the Emperor, and placed it in the sacred treasury.

The Hebrews.

The Hebrew Census was ordinarily undertaken with the object of ascertaining the number of adult males available for military service.

The first biblical record of an enumeration of the people is in the Book of Exodus (XXX. 11-16) where it is stated that Moses was directed to number the children of Israel. The assigned date of this is B.C. 1491. The first systematic census is that, however, recorded in Numbers (I. 1-40) as taken by Moses and Aaron during the wandering of the Israelites in the wilderness of Sinai (about B.C. 1400). The number of adult males was found to be 603,550 exclusive of the Levites whose duties as ministers of the Tabernacle rendered them exempt on this occasion, though separate censuses of them were subsequently made (Numbers III. 14-22; IV. 34-40; I. Chronicles XXIII. 2).

Nearly 600 years appear to have passed before any further numbering occurred. In B.C. 1017 a notable census was carried out by King David, through the unwilling agency of Joab, who was directed to go through all the tribes of Israel from Dan to Beersheba and to number the people. There are two accounts of this Census (II. Samuel XXIV. 1-17 and I. Chronicles XXI. 1-6) which appears to have been undertaken primarily for military purposes. According to the book of Samuel "the valiant men who drew the sword" of Judah and Israel numbered 1,300,000. This

number was probably, however, incomplete as it is stated in I. Chronicles XXVII. 24 that after numbering for nine months and twenty days Joab "finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel." According to the book of Chronicles the number of men of Israel and Judah "that drew sword" was set down as 1,570,000.

It has been stated that the biblical account of the Divine wrath, which resulted from the action of David in carrying out this census of the people of Israel, had the effect of delaying the adoption of the census by Christian Europe for many years.

In B.C. 533 a census was taken of the "Children of the Captivity" (Ezra II. 1-61, and Nehemiah VII. 6-60) with a record of their servants, their horses, mules, camels and asses.

Other occasions are also mentioned in the Bible when from time to time the Hebrew people or single tribes were enumerated.

Greece.

In ancient Greece the various classes of citizenship, their privileges, obligations, property, and taxes demanded the institution of statistical enquiries of a systematic character. In Solon's census (B.C. 594) the people were divided into four classes according to the returns of their property estimated in wheat; this system appears to have remained in force until the time of Herodotus (see Book II. c. 117), i.e., about 450 B.C. A census taken in Athens in 300 B.C. distinguished the different classes in the population, there being 21,000 citizens, half that number of aliens and nineteen or twenty times that number of slaves.

Rome.

The object and the nature of the Roman Census has already been referred to at the beginning of this article. The information collected was mainly used for the apportionment of rights and duties and little, if any, use appears to have been made of it for those sociological and other purposes for which statistical knowledge is now deemed so valuable. The Roman Census was, however, found to be of such benefit for the purposes for which it was designed that it came to be a regular and recognised Roman institution conducted at frequent intervals, generally every fifth year.

There are several censuses recorded by Livy, the Roman historian (born B.C. 59):—

- (i) B.C. 457 "The census commenced in the preceding year is completed, the number of citizens being 117,310." (Livy III. 24.)
- (ii) B.C. 193 "Cornelius now closed the lustrum, the number of citizens being rated at 143,704." (Livy XXXV. 9.)
- (iii) B.C. 189 "The Campanians were directed by the Censors, in accordance with a decree of the Senate issued the preceding year, to be included in the general Census of Rome. Marcus Claudius Marcellus, the Censor, closed the lustrum, 259,308 citizens being rated." (Livy XXXVIII. 30.)
- (iv) B.C. 173 "This year the lustrum was closed. At this census 269,015 Roman citizens were rated." (Livy XLII. 10.)

There are also two Roman censuses mentioned in the New Testament—St. Luke II. 1 and Acts V. 37. Several censuses are also mentioned in the Bible. In the early part of the second century, in A.D. 48 the Emperor Claudius closed the lustrum, the number of citizens enumerated amounting to 5,984,079. This number, however, only included the males between the ages of 17 and 60 (Tacitus XI. 25).

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SHANGHAI COURTS TO BE MOVED.

SITE SUGGESTED IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

The presidents of the Second Branch of the Kiangsu High Court (Dr. Hui Wei Tsin) and the Shanghai Special District Court (Mr. Yang Shao Yung) are contemplating the removal of the two courts from the present busy location to a quieter place and the suggestion has been made that the two judicial institutions should be removed to new quarters in the western district.

The two courts at the present time occupy the buildings which formerly housed the old International Mixed Court in North Chekiang Road, together with a new concrete structure which was erected the year before last for the Special District Court. The buildings formerly occupied by the Mixed Court are more than 30 years old and they are in a dangerous state. They were built at a time when North Chekiang Road was a comparatively quiet spot but, during the recent years, this district has grown by leaps and bounds and it is now one of the busiest sections to the north of the Soochow Creek.

Present Buildings to be Sold.

In view of this, the two officials consider that the location is unsuitable for any law court so they conferred on the advisability of moving the two institutions to a quieter place, preferably in the western district. Their plan, it is understood, is to sell the present buildings for approximately \$700,000 and to use the proceeds for the purchase of another lot of land and the erection of new buildings.

A visit was recently paid to the western district and land was found, approximately eight mow in area, near Ferry and Gordon Road which the officials thought might be suitable as a site for the new courts. However, the price asked for was too high so endeavours were made to find another piece of land.

Meanwhile, the matter is receiving careful attention and, as soon as land is found, the matter will be referred to the Kiangsu Provincial Government and the Judicial Yuan for approval.—North-China Daily News.

Middle and Dark Ages.

After the sinking of Rome (A.D. 410) the practice of census-taking fell into disuse and at least 12 hundred years elapsed before the census was adopted by Christian Europe. As already mentioned it is believed that the biblical account of the Divine wrath against David's enumeration of his people discouraged census undertaking. There appeared, however, in the Middle Ages various compilations, more of the nature of cosmographies, dealing in a descriptive manner with different states or countries. Notable examples of these are the *Brivary of Charlemagne* (A.D. 808), *Al Mamun's Description of the Khalifate* (A.D. 830), the *Domesday Book of William the Conqueror* (A.D. 1086), the *Land Register of the Danish King, Valdemar II.* (A.D. 1231) and *Macchiavelli's "Ritratti della Francia e della Allemagna."* (A.D. 1515). In the 13th century about the time that Marco Polo visited China, it is stated that a census of Tibet was taken by Kubla Khan.

Modern Times.

It was not until the 17th century that any regular or systematic census was taken. The credit of first attempting the compilation of population statistics in more modern times belongs to the Canadian Province of Quebec or La Nouvelle France as it was then called, where between the years 1665 and 1764, no fewer than 15 regular censuses were taken.

In Europe registration of local citizenship was commenced in Wurttemberg in 1822 but systematic records of population were not commenced until the 18th century. In 1719 Frederick William I. of Prussia began his half-yearly accounts of population and enumerations of the people took place in Hesse Darmstadt in 1748, Hesse Cassel in 1747, Sweden in 1748, Gotha in 1754 and in many other places.

In the United States of America the first census was taken in 1790. In England and in France the first regular censuses were taken in 1801; in Norway in 1815; in Belgium in 1831; while in later years, during the 19th century, censuses were instituted in nearly all the remaining important countries of the world.

BRITAIN'S TRAFFIC SYSTEM.

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Tramways.

"Our considered view is that tramways, if not an obsolete form of transport, are at all events in a state of obsolescence and cause much unnecessary congestion and considerable unnecessary danger to the public."

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Road Taxation.

Points made under this heading are:—

Motorists are paying neither too little nor too much in taxation, but too much of the taxation is being diverted from the construction of roads, with the result that the rate-payers are paying too much.

Road Fund "Raids."

Other marks by the Commission are:—

No proceeds of motor taxation (including petrol tax) should be diverted from the Road Fund to the detriment of the roads.

"Raids" on the Road Fund present "no redeeming feature" and are "bad finance."

In two years, 1927 and 1928, £19,000,000 was taken from the fund for general revenue purposes.

Rate of duty on vehicles exceeding four tons unladen should be increased; duty on vehicles between nine and ten tons might be as high as £120 a year. No motor vehicle to exceed ten tons unladen.

Road haulers should be placed under special £1 per vehicle licensing system, controlled by Area Traffic Commissioners.

Useful Canals.

Certain canals still possess considerable value as a means of transport and, properly rationalised and developed, can be made to render useful service.

A number of small ports have been allowed to fall into a state of decay. The best kind of authority to own docks and harbours is a public trust.

Coastwise shipping ports should be prepared for the part they may have to play in an industrial revival. The Commission is strongly opposed "to any suggestion of privately-owned 'motorways'."

AN OVERHEAD ROAD.

In a memorandum attached to the report a member of the Commission, Major H. E. Crawford, Liberal ex-M.P. for Walthamstow West, proposes as a means of combating traffic congestion in London, a route from West to East, passing the main line stations in the northern half of London, with an overhead road of the type now

being constructed in New York, which, served by other avenues from the West and North, would remove from the ordinary road level all the traffic serving the great terminus stations.

Further steps would include one great terminus for the Southern Railway south of the Thames, and a double-deck bridge at Charing Cross, the upper road of which would join the overhead road from West to East.

Major Crawford advocates the modernisation of our cities by bold strokes of town planning involving not only streets but buildings. His plan would provide for all the calculable traffic requirements of the future. His view is that the streets should be made to fit the traffic and not the traffic to fit the streets.

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MALARIA.COMPLETE REPORT TO BE
PUBLISHED.At the Sanitary Board meeting
yesterday, Mr. Lo asked the fol-
lowing questions with reference to
the reports of the Malariaologist:—

"With reference to my questions
on December 9, 1930, and the
answers of the Head of the Sani-
tary Department to me of the same
date, in the course of which he
stated that the reports of the Ma-
lariologist on Lycium and Tai-
koo were forwarded to the Govern-
ment by the Hon. the Director of
Medical and Sanitary Services
with his recommendations on Octo-
ber 4 and 14, 1930, respectively,
that the Government was then not
in a position to announce its in-
tentions on the recommendations
submitted and that the question of
publishing the recommendations
had not been considered by Gov-
ernment:—

"Will the Head of the Sanitary
Department be good enough to as-
certain from the Government and
inform the Board whether the
Government has now had time to
reach a decision in regard to the
publication of the reports of the
Malariaologist together with the
director's recommendations, for the
information of the public?

"Will the Head of the Sanitary
Department ask the Government
to supply copies of the documents
to the members of the Board for
their information.

The reply of the Head of the
Sanitary Department, was as fol-
lows:—

"I am authorised to reply that
when the Malariaologist has made
a comprehensive survey and has
submitted a complete report on
the Colony it will be published.
Meanwhile estimates are being pre-
pared with a view to dealing with
matters of special urgency as funds
permit.

"I shall be glad to apply on be-
half of unofficial members of the
Board for copies of such report.

SWEDISH ROYAL LOVE
MATCH.KING OBJECTS TO CHOICE
OF BRIDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Stockholm, Feb. 2.
A Royal love romance is the
subject of a Court circular issued
to-day, in which H.M. King Gustav
finally refuses his consent to the
engagement of his grandson, Prince
Lennart, to Miss Karin Nierwandt,
daughter of a Stockholm account-
ant.

Prince Lennart had publicly an-
nounced the engagement, but the
circular says:—"The Constitution
provides that a Prince of the Royal
House shall not marry without the
knowledge and consent of the
King. After long and earnest con-
sideration the King has decided
that it is impossible to consent to
the marriage."

It is learned that Prince Lennart
is prepared to abide by all the
legal and constitutional conse-
quences of the marriage, but the
marriage has been postponed and
the date not fixed.

STABBING AFFRAY AT
KOWLOON GODOWNS.WATCHMEN ASSAULTED BY
GAMBLERS.

Loung Yu, Leung Kam and Leung
Ho were charged yesterday before
Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Police
Court (a) with causing grievous
bodily harm to Ho Cho and Yip
Sik on December 30, 1930, at No.
1 Wharf, Kowloon, and (b) with
assaulting Ho Hin and Wan Siu
at the same place.

Detective Sergeant Kellett, pro-
secuting, stated that the complain-
ants were employed as watchmen,
and in the day in question defend-
ants, who were hawkers, made a
nuisance of themselves on the
wharf. The watchmen attempted to
turn them off, but the hawkers as-
saulted them.

On December 30 at about 3 p.m.
as the result of a telephone mes-
sage received from Kowloon Go-
down, witness went to the whar-
fingers' office, where he saw the
three defendants who had been de-
tained by watchmen. He saw Ho
Cho (complainant) suffering from a
wound in the abdomen. The three
defendants were arrested and taken
to the Police Station. In the
charge room witness searched first
defendant and found a pair of
scissors in his overcoat pocket.

Yip Sik (complainant) then enter-
ed the charge room, and showing
a wound he had received in his back
pointed to first defendant saying,
"that man stabbed me." Witness
then sent both the injured men to
the Kowloon Hospital.

Yip Sik, giving evidence, said
that he was on duty at No. 1 Wharf
on the day in question when he
saw Wan Siu being struck by second
defendant, witness tried to seize the
latter, but his shoe came off, and
while he was bending down to put
it on again, he received a blow in
the back.

Wan Siu (another watchman)
said that he saw a crowd of people
gambling on the wharf. He went
up to them and told them to clear
off, and confiscated their playing
cards. He then blew a police
whistle, and three watchmen came
up. There was a fight and witness
received a stab under the heart, and
lost consciousness. He did not
know who had stabbed him.

The case was remanded.

WATER EXPERT'S FEE.

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At the last meeting of the Straits
Council on January 12, it was de-
cided to recommend that a fee of
\$100 per day be charged to the
Hong Kong Government for each
day of Mr. Murnane's Special re-
tention at that port.

We understand that Mr. Murnane
is the head of the Water Depart-
ment of the Singapore Municipal
Council, and that his advice on
water matters relating to Hong
Kong was solicited by the Retrench-
ment Committee at the time of
his passing through the Colony a
short while ago.

The Committee quickly recognis-
ed the value of such an authorita-
tive opinion, and after communi-
cations had been exchanged between
the Hong Kong and Straits au-
thorities, it was agreed that Mr.
Murnane, who was then returning
from leave, should prolong his
stay in Hong Kong for a few days,
and give his assistance to the Re-
trenchment Committee on the local
water question.

MORE MONEY REQUIRED.

EFFECT OF EXCHANGE ON
GOVT. PURCHASES.

The following items of suppl-
mentary expenditure will be pre-
sented to-morrow for the considera-
tion of the Finance Committee of
the Legislative Council:—
Prison Department: Incidental
expenses, \$100.
Provision made in estimates,
\$2,000.
This is due to fall in exchange

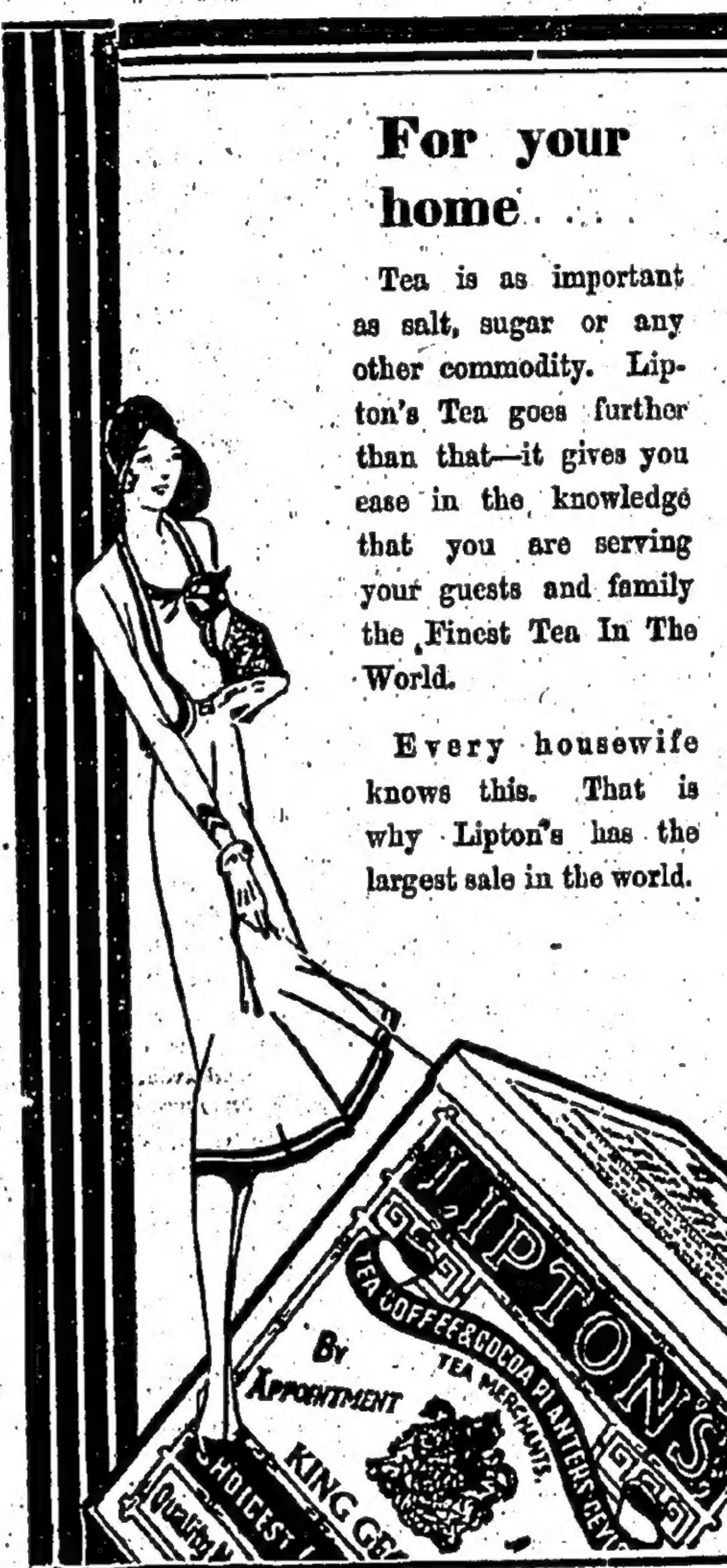
Contract price £200. 0. 0 at 1/3 = \$7,500.40
Plus dept. charge 6.10.8 = 100.35
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Freight, inspection charges, etc. 1. 7.6 at 1/3 = 22.00
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over a number of small payments to
the Crown agents.
The above is to be met from sav-
ings under rent of quarters for
Indian warders.
Kowloon-Canton Railway: Spec-
ial expenditure, "locomotive wheel
balancing machines," \$3,200.
Provision made in estimates,
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In February 1930 an indent for
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the Queen's Theatre, Gavin Gordon
undertook one of the most difficult
assignments before the microphone.

As the minister-lover of the opera
star in the pictureization of the
Edward Sheldon play, Gordon en-
acted the part of a man 28 years
old. In the prologue and epilogue
scenes, however, he had to "age"
himself physically and vocally fifty
years, appearing as a man nearing
eighty.

Clarence Brown directed the new
Garbo talkie for Metro-Goldwyn-
Mayer from the adaptation by Ross
Meredyth and Edwin Justus Mayer
of the play in which Doris Keane
triumphed on the stage.

Lewis Stone heads the supporting
cast which includes Elliott Nugent,
Florence Lake, Clara Blandick,
Mathilde Comont, Henry Armetta
and Countess Nina de Liguoro.

"MEN OF THE NORTH."

"Rushes" in foreign languages
kept operators in the projection
rooms at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
studios in hot water during the
filming of "Men of the North,"
which will open to-morrow at the
Queen's Theatre.

Every night the five casts of the
picture which Hal Roach directed
in English, Spanish, French, Ger-
man and Italian, showed up at the
studio projection rooms to look at
the "rushes." The operators put
on the different reels, and usually
a wall came from the Spanish cast
that it was looking at German and
from the German that it was look-
ing at Italian film.

The picture, a drama of the
Northwest by Willard Mack, was
directed in all five languages at
once, each cast doing scenes in suc-
cession. The English cast includes
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are in this film for everybody to
wonder and marvel at.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

FULL SUPPLY OF WATER FOR
THREE DAYS.

It was indicated yesterday by
Mr. G. R. Sayer, Head of the
Sanitary Board, that there will be
a full supply of water for three
days during the Chinese New Year.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin asked:—
1. Owing to scarcity of water
and the consequential restriction
of supplies, will the Head of the
Sanitary Department consider the
suspension of general house clean-
ing two weeks before Chinese New
Year, and
2. Recommend to the Water Au-
thority to give a full house sup-
ply of water two days before and
after the Chinese New Year i.e.
February 15-18, both days in-
clusive?

Mr. Sayer's answers to Mr.
Wong Kwong Tin's questions were
as follows:—

1. Instructions have been given
to suspend house cleaning for two
weeks from February 13 until
February 20.

2. Despite the scarcity of water
the Water Authority is prepared to
give the customary full house
supply on February 15, 16 and 17.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—SECOND
DIVISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Feb. 3.
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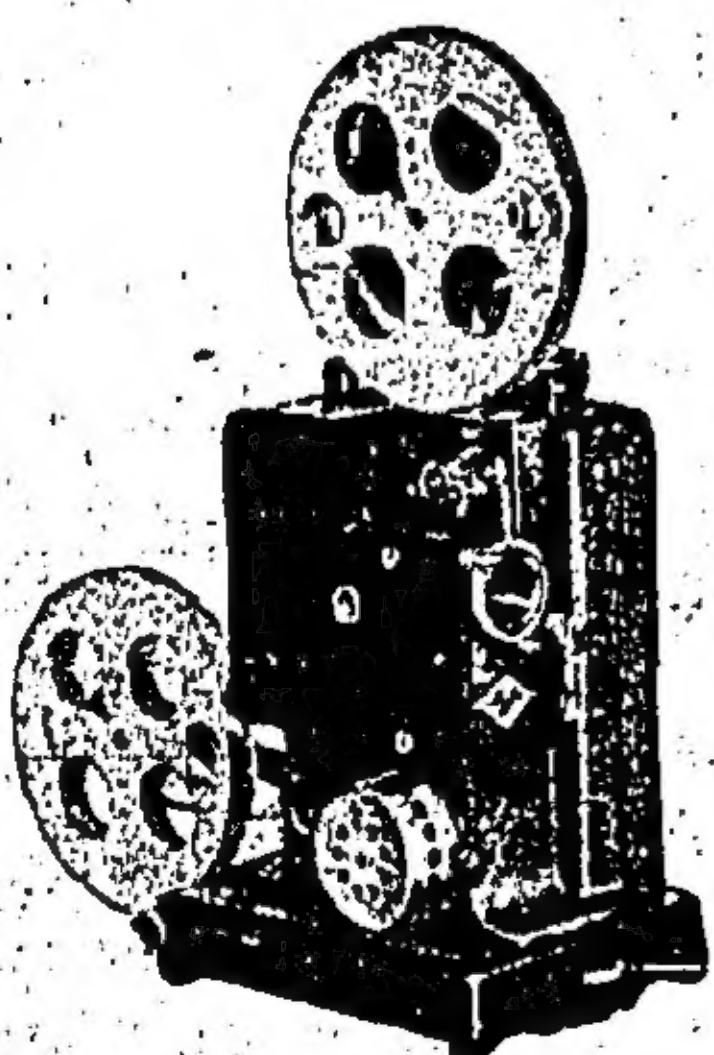
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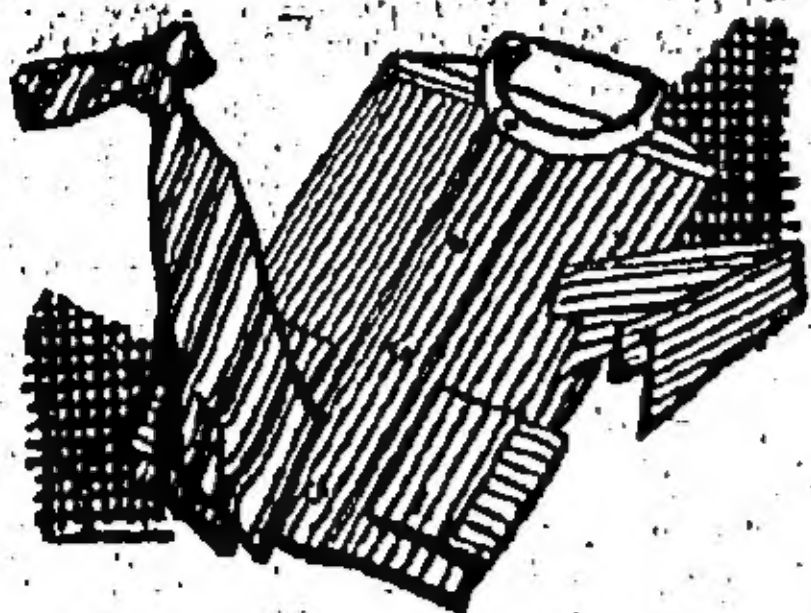
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ISOLATION OF SMALL-POX CASES.

VIGOROUS CHINESE PROTESTS: COMPULSORY VACCINATION ADVOCATED.

DR. POPE'S MOTION CARRIED AT SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

At the Sanitary Board Meeting yesterday by seven votes to two, the Board carried a motion rescinding the resolution of the Board of October 15, 1918, allowing patients suffering from small-pox to be treated in their own house.

The motion was proposed by the Medical Officer of Health and seconded by Mr. G. E. Sayer, the Chairman of the Board. Several members spoke in favour of it while Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and Mr. T. H. Chan spoke, and eventually voted, against it.

CHINESE VIEWS ON WESTERN METHODS.

In proposing the resolution, the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. W. Pope, said:—

The resolution is fundamentally bad in that it undermines the essential principle of isolation. Once small-pox appears in a community there are two primary essentials for effective control—Isolation of the case and vaccination or isolation of the contacts. (Strictly speaking the vaccinated contacts should also be isolated.) The resolution deprived the Medical Officer of Health of his discretion to isolate small-pox cases notified to him.

Under those conditions 100 per cent. notification would only very slightly diminish the magnitude of an epidemic. I therefore recommend to the Board that the resolution be rescinded and that the discretion vested in the Medical Officer of Health, in so far as small-pox is concerned, be placed on the same footing as all other infectious diseases.

As to where cases should be isolated and treated, I must be guided by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and remove patients only to institutions recommended by him.

I now move:—That the resolution of the Board of October 15, 1918, that patients suffering from small-pox be allowed to be treated in their own houses under the following conditions:—

- 1.—That all cases in the district should be notified to the Medical Officer of Health.
- 2.—That all inmates of the house should be vaccinated.
- 3.—That a notice should be posted on the door of the house where the patient is being treated be rescinded.

Chairman's Second Motion.

In seconding Dr. Pope's motion, the Chairman said he felt sure that members would concur with him that a change was necessary.

The original resolution, said Mr. Sayer, was passed by unanimous vote. The M.O.H. at the time gave his assent to these terms: "I agree that the risks run are counterbalanced by decrease in dumping, the prevention of concealment, of all cases and the opportunity of vaccination contacts." The Medical Officer of Health had withdrawn his consent and had said that once

small-pox appeared in the community it was essential for effective control that his power to isolate should not be restricted.

Mr. Sayer went on to say that he was convinced that members would hesitate long before going counter to the expert technical advice.

After dealing with the legal position, Mr. Sayer concluded by saying:—What a remarkable thing it is that all trouble about notification, disinfection and all the anxiety about isolation can be eliminated by the prick of a needle once every five or six years.

Chinese Customs.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch, in supporting the motion, said in part:—There might be an objection to carrying out the order by saying that we are frightening people or interfering with their customs, but their own rulers did not hesitate to interfere with their customs, when they felt it was necessary to do so. They have taken a firm stand in regard to the Gregorian calendar and have ordered that it must be adopted and that the lunar calendar must be dropped.

Dr. Koch also said that steps had been taken by the Chinese authorities to disabuse their minds of superstition.

"I believe there is no reason why we, in this Colony, having such a strong ground for rescinding this resolution which has been given a very fair and long trial, should hesitate. From every point of view, both medical and hygienic the resolution should be rescinded."

Sub-Committee's Report.

Mr. M. K. Lo said, in part:—The question of the prevention and mitigation of small-pox in the Colony is one of the most important questions with which this Board is concerned. It is common ground that the motion now before the Board is the direct result of a report of a sub-committee of this Board appointed some months ago with the following terms of reference:—

To "examine into the history of small-pox in the Colony in recent years and the machinery for its prevention and mitigation and report to the Board, and to suggest a reply to His Excellency's communication regarding the dumping of the bodies of those dead of small-pox."

The sub-committee was composed of the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and myself.

I signed that report subject to certain remarks annexed therewith and with your permission I should like to read to you those remarks as expressing my position in that matter:—

I desire to endorse the view expressed by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga as to the time and labour bestowed by the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services upon the preparation of this exhaustive report, and as a member of the Sub-Committee, I am also very grateful to him.

I am satisfied that the resolution of the Sanitary Board of the 15th October, 1918, has in fact failed in its objects. But I still adhere to the view expressed in the memorandum, and referred to in paragraph 68 of the report, that a house-to-house visit or a house-to-house inquiry, is a policy which should not be countenanced.

Freedom of Choice.

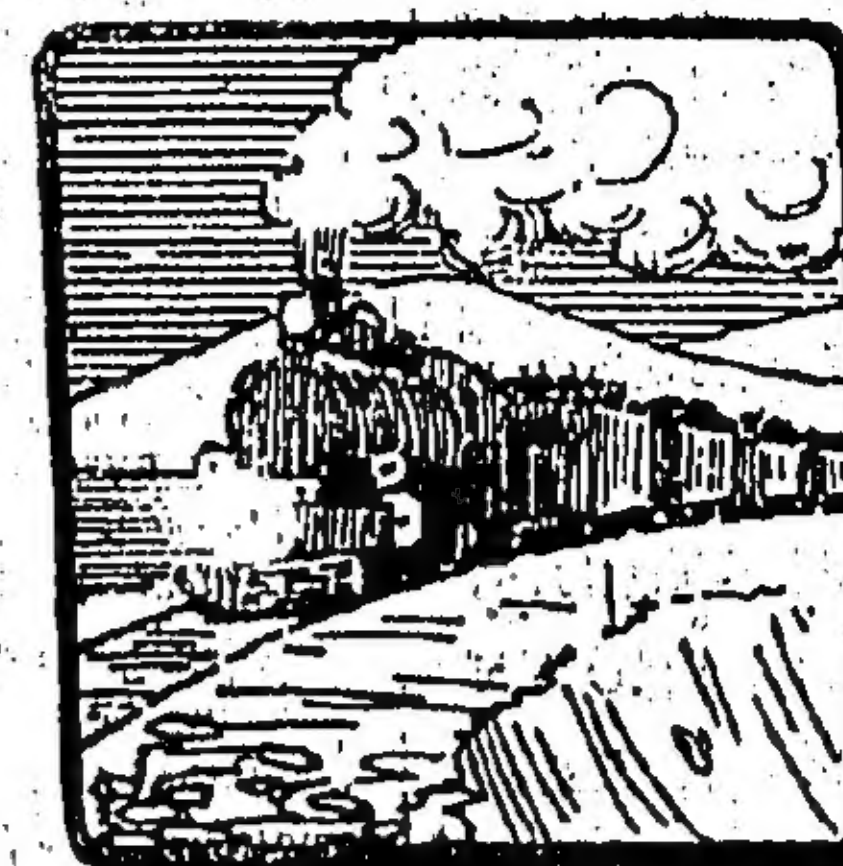
As I have agreed with the conclusion of the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services that the trial of home treatment has failed in its object, I am prepared to follow out the logical consequences for the rescission of the resolution by the Board. But there are certain matters which may arise as the result of such rescission on which I desire to make myself quite clear. To begin with, there is the question of the adequacy of hospital accommodation elsewhere. On this point I understand the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services is quite satisfied. But the next important point is the freedom of choice on the part of the patient as to the kind of treatment he is to have in the Isolation Hospital. On this point my views are emphatic. Although I personally am a great believer in the efficacy of Western medical science, I for one am not prepared to deny to those who prefer Chinese treatment the right of having such treatment. I know of small-pox (involving the washing of the patient) as being fatal to recovery, and I feel strongly that Chinese should be entitled to enjoy their national method of treatment unmolested. Moreover, I am not very clear in my own mind as to whether the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services would have any medical objection to home treatment if the home is not a tenement house with the undesirable result mentioned in paragraph 70 of the report. I gather that the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has none, provided that the Medical Officer of Health considers that the case is one which is capable of being properly isolated, and without any danger to the public.

I should like to emphasize one point to which I referred in my remarks annexed to the report. I am satisfied that there are thousands of Chinese who regard the Western method of treatment of small-pox as being fatal to recovery, and to the best of my ability I shall press for the recognition of their right to be treated in the way they think best.

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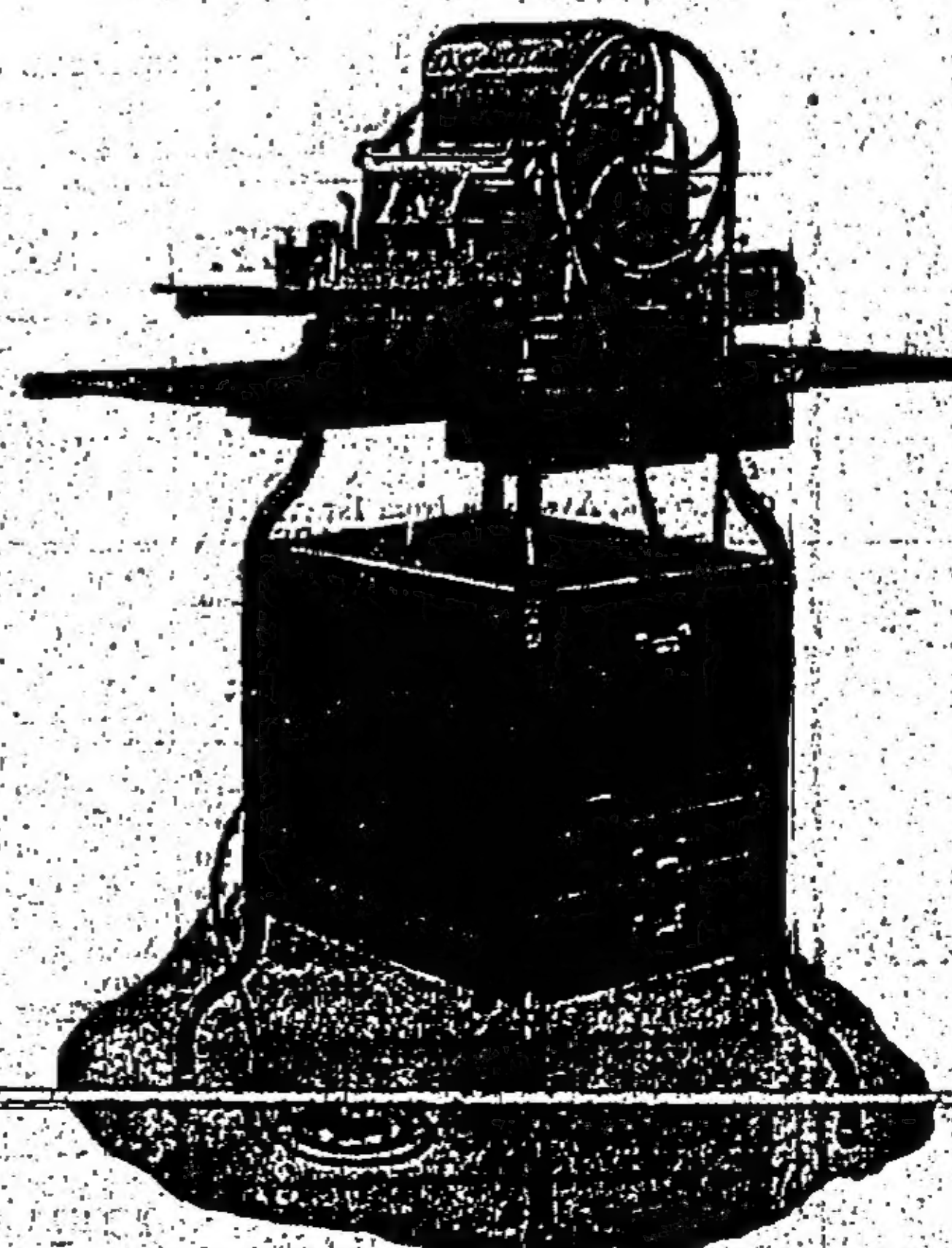
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 4th Feb. 1931. [379]

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.
NOTICE.

PAMPHLETS containing the Question Papers for the Matriculation and Local Examinations held in NOVEMBER, 1930, are for Sale at the Office of the Registrar. Price—\$1 each.

W. B. TYNAGAN,
Registrar. [389]
20th January, 1931.

**HONG KONG FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION.**

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.45 p.m., stated:—
A weak anti-cyclone in central over Manchuria. Depressions are situated over the lower Yangtze Valley and Tongking.
Local Forecast:—S. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some local showers.

MARRIAGE.

COWELL-NEWSON.—On January 24, at Tientsin, EDMUND JOSEPH COWELL, only son of Mr. E. A. COWELL, and the late Mrs. COWELL, of Tientsin, to PHYLLIS NEWSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. NEWSON.

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THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ECONOMY.

Reduction of public expenditure is not easy. Even in the most prosperous years every considerable item of Government spending has to be set out either in the yearly or supplementary estimates, and is subject to examination and query by the Legislative Council. At an earlier stage it has to be passed by the department concerned and by the Colonial Treasury. There are always things that humane and far-sighted persons would like to see done even when the Government is most active and ambitious in its activities. Our neighbour, Canton, has a home for beggars, and publications in that city do not hesitate to point out the lack of any form of institution on the lines of a workhouse in Hong Kong. Most of us would welcome some kind of provision for street sleepers; the Health Department would like more money with which to combat malaria, consumption and venereal disease; a new prison in the place of Victoria Gaol is another urgent necessity; the airport developments at Kai Tak are a commitment of primary importance to the future of the Colony. If Hong Kong misses the present opportunity of becoming an airport, the Colony may suffer the fate of other once prosperous centres of trade. There are half-finished undertakings which it is no economy to abandon. Hong Kong must move with the times.

While it is difficult for the layman to suggest economies that will make big inroads into our possible Treasury deficit of five million dollars on the present year's working, there is a general suspicion that the Government is run lavishly; that if the affairs of the Colony were turned over to the proverbial Aberdonian, watching every cent with eagle eye, quite large sums would be saved out of small economies each of which in itself "hardly seems worth while." The English are not an economical nation. We believe in big window display, and detest minor thrift. It is British tradition that Government House, in any Colony or Dominion, must be the biggest and most splendid residence; that His Excellency should have the best horses, cars, and wines; that he should be a patron of sport and prominent in all social activities. His subordinates and his naval and military colleagues must support him adequately in these out-of-office matters. On the whole this policy has paid us well. The Englishman as pro-consul has appeared to the world as a lavish, genial and fairly well-versed feudal lord. He has not been tied to his desk, and such a thing as personal embarrassment owing to money matters has been his existence. Wherever he goes he has the best of everything.

In the old days enterprising and hardy pioneers won our nation the position of cock-of-the-walk in the China trade. The heads of the great hong, got on well with the

mandarins, and were something of mandarins themselves. It was magnificent, but not business on the more niggardly lines of to-day. For years British trade has been quietly undermined by active and able rivals, with the qualities of humility, industry and frugality. Now at last the hong are realising that they must learn the hard lesson of the methods of their rivals, for only those who do learn it will survive in modern China.

It is to be hoped that the Government of Hong Kong will not be the last to recognise the existence of the shirt-tail end. No suggestion is made that the Civil Servants do not, as a whole, work hard and efficiently. But it would be interesting to know what a first rate captain of industry—a hard man, but just—would make of this task of governing Hong Kong and particularly of running the Government offices. The big commitments would stand, but allowances and perquisites, first class passages, and the wages bill for minor undertakings, such as office coolies, and many other little amenities that make life pleasant would probably be eliminated. Only a new mental outlook, (by no means bad tradition, though now outgrown) can effect the miracle of making the Hong Kong Government pay its way, without imposing heavy taxation, during this period of world economic crisis.

INDUSTRIALISM IN ASIA.

We would draw the attention of our readers to the grave indictment of labour conditions in the Far East, made yesterday by Mr. JAMES BELL, M.P., before the Hong Kong Rotary Club. Mr. BELL represents a Lancashire constituency in the Labour interest and has a credit a distinguished record of service to the Trade Union movement. What he said is not only a question of common humanity, though that aspect cannot be put aside, but of a menace to the whole standard of life in Europe and America. Mr. BELL and his colleagues of the British Economic Mission to the Far East have had revealed to them a condition of affairs in Chinese and Japanese mills and factories recalling the worst age of industrial sweating in England. Women and children, as well as men, are being made to work hours that must be detrimental to health and destructive of human happiness. Young children, he said, are on night work, and the conditions are of a nature that would not be tolerated by a government that was discharging its duty to its subjects. Japan has, officially, abolished night work for women and children; Nanking has promulgated a model factory code! And yet no one would dispute Mr. BELL's facts. His colleagues would have made it clear had they disagreed, and had there been in their opinion any exaggeration.

The industrial depression of today is traced to many causes. Mr. BELL suggests that one of them, and one that will be of increasing and perhaps devastating effect, is the exploitation of "an ample supply of cheap labour" in the Far East. We do not, however, believe that the low standard of the East will prevail, in the end, over the higher standard of the West. If it does, there will be an end of civilization for the markets for which these factories are creating will be destroyed, and our economic fabric will disintegrate and fall into chaos. The Governments of Far Eastern nations probably realise, if their industrial magnates do not, that the exploiting of labour leads to Bolshevism by way of general discontent, lowered physical stamina, and that insidious process, "can" canny, which eats out the whole structure of capitalised industry.

Honesty is the best policy. The wool trade in England has had a happier history than the cotton does today, because the wool trade, with its roots back in the days before the coming of the industrial revolution, had employers with traditions—men who did not bow the knee to the fool's doctrine of "the iron law of wages." The record of the great Quaker firms, owners of Birmingham, and of Lever Brothers, and the new motor manufacturers such as Morris Motors, Ltd., and, in the retail trade, of Mr. Gossnold, has shown that sweating does not pay, and is bad business. The amount that the bad employer loses in labour disputes over and over again. For a time the bad employer may gain an advantage, but he is like an engineer who seizes down the safety valve of a boiler and deliberately runs at a pressure above the tested strength.

Some of the members of the British Economic Mission, who visited the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on Monday afternoon and conferred with leading Chinese cotton dealers and Messrs. Li Yick Mui, and Chan Heung Pak, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Chamber.

★ News and Views ★

Six of nine children of Mr. Henri Labelle, merchant, of Saint Jean, Quebec, were buried to death in a fire at Montreal. Mrs. Labelle, who had been in a window with a baby in her arms, and a 10-year-old daughter threw another child out and then jumped to safety herself.

£100,000 Claimed from Hotel.

Mr. James B. McLoughlin, of New York and Berlin, states that he intends to enter an action in the New York Supreme Court on behalf of Baroness Gertrude Hothaus, of Berlin, claiming £100,000 from an hotel. He alleges that an employee of the hotel insulted the Baroness. Mr. McLoughlin states that she is going to marry the Baroness.

500 Wives Seeking Divorce.

Women are the petitioners in the majority of the undefended divorce suits for hearing in the Law Courts during the Hilary term which began on January 8, there being 403 petitions by wives and 184 by husbands. Eight suits for restitution of conjugal rights are all brought by wives. In the defended cases 100 wives and 105 husbands seek divorce decrees. The King's Proctor intervenes in thirteen cases to show cause why decrees nisi should not be made absolute.

Communist Propaganda.

A Soviet newsmagazine states that the world's largest and most powerful radio broadcasting station having an energy of 800 kilowatts is being constructed at Roginsk near Moscow. The new transmitter will be able to broadcast over both long and short waves and will have an exceptional radius. It will thus prove an excellent vehicle for Communist propaganda, which for instance will thereby be carried as far as into the very heart of Africa.

Electricity in Britain.

With the Electricity Commission's scheme for the South of Scotland the purpose of the Electricity Act of 1926 to supply current to the whole of the United Kingdom is near to completion. Mr. T. P. Wilmshurst, one of the Commissioners, stated: "One more scheme is needed, for the North of Scotland, and then the whole of England, Scotland and Wales will be provided for and the scheme under the 1926 Act will be well on the way to completion." Electric current at 1d. per unit or less. That is the ideal of the London and Home Counties Electricity Authority, which is announced at a May Fair Hotel luncheon to representatives of local authorities in the Thames Valley and Mid-Sussex areas. Mr. W. F. Marchant, said they proposed to bring about uniformity of voltages so that electrical appliances would be usable in any part of the area. Appliances would be supplied and fittings including wiring, on the easy instalment plan, or on hire.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The Bellies Old Girls' Association is holding an "At Home" in the Bellies School Hall on Sunday at 4 p.m.

One case (non-Chinese) of typhoid was reported for the 24 hours ended February 2. For the week ended January 31, there were 3 cases (1 death) of diphtheria, 4 cases (1 death) of enteric fever, 1 case of pulmonary fever and 41 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

A Chinese Revenue Officer was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday with using threats to secure from the inmates of 1, McGregor Street, the sum of \$400. After Detective Sergeant Lamont had briefly outlined the case, hearing was adjourned till 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday. Bail was refused.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters yesterday a Chinese, who pleaded guilty to three separate charges of larceny, was given a term of imprisonment of three months on each count, the sentences to run consecutively. He also admitted having returned from banishment for which he was given another six months.

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Starved Into Submission.

In order to capture an armed murderer who had taken refuge in a wooden hut in a forest, the police at Pechinowitz, Czechoslovakia, decided not to sacrifice life needlessly, but to surround the hut and starve the man into submission. After two days the murderer hoisted a white flag and surrendered.

Clothes and the Man.

Lord Eustace Percy, during the war, much shocked an Edwardian hostess by appearing at her dinner party in a neat refectory tunic. He had been kept late at the office administering relief to the times, and coping with the at times, and in spite of Lord Eustace's work for humanity the Edwardian hostess was annoyed. Since then, except in the more exclusive restaurants, the question of evening clothes has ceased to play a decisive part in social relations. There has been much levelling up and levelling down.

With Poker and Tongs.

A cripple told a story of his fierce struggle with an intruder, at Leeds, when Frederick Daniels, alias John Ray (72), was committed for trial charged with burglary. John Francis Burke, the cripple, said that hearing a noise he went downstairs armed with a fire shovel, when Daniels hid behind a curtain. "I thrust the shovel forward like a bayonet, prodded him twice and then hit him on the head," continued Burke. "After he had tried to wrap me up in a curtain I struck him with a poker." Burke added that Daniels fell unconscious, and he tied him up with a scarf and some string.

Woe for the Whales.

The present whaling season in the Antarctic is expected to be a record one. Indications are that last year's figures may be doubled. This is partly because the Norwegian whaling companies, having sold in advance at the excellent price of £25 per ton their entire production of whale oil for the season, are now striving to kill as many whales as possible in the time available. So that the quantity may not be limited by the capacity of the floating factories, tankers, which in the present state of the freight market cannot find profitable employment in the petroleum-carrying trade, have been chartered to take to Europe the surplus whale oil obtained. Undoubtedly the whaling companies made an excellent bargain in their forward contract at £25, since the price of whale oil, which in 1928 stood at £30, has now sunk to £16 per ton. In view of the intensive slaughter of whales now taking place, it may be decided to send no whaling expeditions to the Antarctic in 1931-32. This would be the first close season the whales have had for many years, and would, it is expected, result in a revival of prices.

Death From Broken Heart.

The unusual verdict of "Death from a broken heart"—a phrase that is not officially recognised by the medical profession—was returned at an inquest at Irlam, Lancs., on Robert Reid (40), a barber. The coroner (Mr. Stuart Rodger), said that a doctor had certified that death was due to a broken heart. Domestic trouble had evidently killed the father, and he would not like to stand in the shoes of the son responsible. A broken heart (writes Medical Correspondent) is merely a poetical expression. It is true that there are diseases which can cause actual rupture of the heart—though very rarely—but grief is certainly not one of them.

Carriers in Trouble.

Carriers in trouble again this time with the rulers of boxing in his own country. Having been rejected by the New York State Athletic Commission, he came to fulfil his engagements, but he failed to appear in an exhibition contest in Florence, and the Italian Pugilistic Federation have now fined him 5,000 lire (£250) and ordered him to pay 20,000 lire (£220) of damages to the organisers of the show. Until the money is paid the giant boxer is under suspension in all countries affiliated to the International Boxing Union, and if he fights in any country outside the union, he will be fined 5,000 lire for each contest.

Publicity!

Unscrupulous methods employed by New York book dealers to obtain publicity for books on the grounds of their being salacious were, unearthed by the Appellate Court, which is taking evidence in its investigations of irregularities in the lower courts of New York City. Mr. Esar Levine, a New York book dealer said that members of book distributing associations in New York regularly contract with court officials to arrange the arrest of various obscene books. The arrests are made purely to obtain publicity and stimulate the market for books, in which there is little public interest and which otherwise cannot be sold.

L.N.E.R. Has to Economise.

The chairman of the London and North Eastern Railway, Mr. William Whitelaw, says in the company's magazine, "During the eight months from the end of March until the end of November, the number of passengers originating on our line and exclusive of season ticket holders, has decreased by nearly 8,500,000, and our freight traffic has fallen off by over 10,000,000 tons. The withdrawal of passenger train services, the closing of stations, and the lowering of the age of retirement for certain sections of both salaried and wages grades have been forced upon us by this collapse of trade, unparalleled both in its extent and the speed with which it has run upon us about the end of March. I think the lesson for us is just the lesson which the whole country has got to learn, and that is that we must reduce our costs and increase our efficiency."

St. Paul's College are holding their annual prizes distribution at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday when the Bishop of Victoria will preside.

Looking Back 25 Years.

A disquieting rumour was in circulation in the city on Saturday morning which on being investigated proved to have its foundation in the fact that the Chief Excise Officer of the Opium Farm in the New Territory had been done to death in circumstances which pointed to murder. The deceased, Mr. Chan Beng Chan, who had come from Singapore, and had proved a most energetic official, was stationed at Taiipo, and while it is conjectured that murder was not the aim of the assailants, but rather robbery, it would seem that they had been induced to more violent measures than they had anticipated.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Feb. 5, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

Sir John Pope Hennessy's fat has gone forth, and at the coming races, enterprising publicans who in bygone years, from time immemorial almost, have erected booths on the course for convenience and comfort of their friends and customers, will not be permitted to sell liquor without taking out a special license. We have no intention of following in the footsteps of our evening contemporary by gratuitously and somewhat coarsely, but we cannot refrain from expressing our opinion that the step he has taken in this matter, although doubtless strictly in accordance with the law, is exceedingly ill judged.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Feb. 5, 1931.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

The resolution giving permission for the treatment of small-pox at the home of the infected person was yesterday rescinded by the Sanitary Board. Page 6.

An interesting address on Industry and Labour Organisation was delivered at the Rotary luncheon yesterday. Page 7.

Members of the Stock Exchange were at home to a large number of clients and friends yesterday when the institution celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Page 11.

An action in which the Sze Yap Steamship Company is seeking an injunction against certain parties in control of the firm's affairs has been commenced in the Supreme Court. Page 11.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with having taken part in an armed robbery at 62a, Bonham Road, on January 14. Page 11.

When two Indians were charged yesterday for wounding four other Indians in the recent Wanchai fracas it was stated that one of the men might die of his wounds. Page 11.

To-day's Wireless programme. Page 10.

Father Byrne, S.J., was the speaker last night at a meeting of the English Association. Page 10.

Shipping intelligence. Page 15.

Sport.

In the Interport football trial yesterday, the Probables beat the Navy by three goals. Page 10.

Latest Cables.

The Shanghai-Peking air mail line is to be inaugurated at the end of the month. Page 9.

As the result of an earthquake the town of Napier, New Zealand, was almost demolished. Twenty-one lives were lost. Page 9.

The National Assembly of Ankara has ratified the death sentences passed on 28 reactionaries, which were duly carried out. Page 9.

Some quarters in Nanking fear that a full resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet will lead to Communist activities in China. Page 9.

The Iraq Pipe-line Convention between the High Commissioner of Palestine and the Iraq Petroleum Company extends over a period of 70 years. Page 9.

A Presidential decree limiting the production of sugar in Cuba was enforced on the 2nd inst. The reduction for the year has been fixed at one-third. Page 9.

The Japanese having defaulted in the payment of royalties, the Soviet Government have threatened to cancel the fishing concessions in Siberian waters. Page 9.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's stock, which recently shrunk to £8, cannot now be given away on the London Stock Exchange owing to a doubt regarding the holders' liability being unlimited. Page 9.

\$100 to Lose a Match.

Two well-known former footballers—Archibald Kyle, of Glasgow, and Adam Miller, of Larkgow, have been arraigned at Glasgow for alleged bribery. They were remanded on a charge of having offered £100 to the captain of Hamilton Academicals to allow his club to be defeated by Leith Athletic on January 3. The captain of the Academicals is Willie Moffat, the goal-scoring inside-right of the team. Both men had long careers in senior football. "Bunch" Kyle's clubs included Glasgow Rangers, Blackburn Rovers, Clyde, St. Mirren and Hamilton Academicals. He represented Scotland on two occasions against the English League. Miller played as a back for nine seasons with Hamilton Academicals, his connection with that club ended eight years ago. Later he played for St. Mirren.

Depression and a Dog.

A dog that was caught in a rabbit trap was a factor in causing two deaths at Epsom. It was stated at the inquest yesterday on Robert Walter Bainbridge, aged fifty-three, a stockbroker's clerk, of Hollymount, Hampstead, who died from throat wounds inflicted with a razor blade, that he had been suffering from insomnia. On Christmas Eve a dog which was accompanying his brother-in-law on a walk, was caught in a rabbit trap and his brother-in-law had a bad attack from which he died in a few minutes. This tragedy added to Mr. Bainbridge's depression and weighed on his mind. A verdict of "Suicide while temporarily insane" was recorded.

SHANGHAI-PEIPING
AIR MAIL.INAUGURATION END OF
FEBRUARY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.
That the proposed Shanghai-Peiping air mail line will become a reality before the end of the month is the gist of a report issued by the China National Aviation Corps.

With the exception of the final tour of inspection the most necessary ground work is completed.

Only mail will be carried at the beginning, but the passenger service will be inaugurated in the spring if the present plans materialize.

Regular stops will be made at Hsuehchow, Tsinanfu and Tientsin.

NANKING-BERLIN AIR LINE.

JUNKER PLANES EXPECTED
FROM BERLIN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NANKING, Feb. 3.
Five aeroplanes are expected shortly for the Nanking-Berlin air line.

Two Junker planes are due in Shanghai on the 12th instant, and the first trial flight from Nanking to Berlin will take place on March 1.

LIKIN ABOLITION IN
KWANGTUNG.ADVERSE AFFECT ON FINAN-
CIAL POSITION.

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

NANKING, Feb. 3.
Fan Ki Mo, the Kwangtung Commissioner of Finance, in an interview, expressed the opinion that the abolition of likin in Kwangtung was adversely affecting the financial position of the Kwangtung Government.

It was estimated that the monthly shortage in civil administrative expenses is about \$300,000, and military expenses about \$4,270,000.

He said he was now consulting with Mr. T. V. Soong and Marshal Chiang Kai Shek as to how to carry out an administrative and military retrenchment programme on the one hand and to open up new revenue sources on the other, so that the deficiencies may be reduced.

SUMMER WEATHER AT
CANTON.

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Feb. 3.
Canton experienced unusual warm weather yesterday, the thermometer rising to 82 degrees.

CHINA IN BRITISH
PARLIAMENT.CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY
BRITISH STAFF.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 3.
In the House of Commons today Mr. A. M. Samuel urged enquiries to be made about the five British members of the staff of the Canton-Hankow Railway who had not received their due.

Dr. Hugh Dalton replied that Mr. Henderson had asked Sir Miles Lampson to report.

British Bondholders.
Replying to another question, Dr. Dalton told Mr. Samuel that the Government felt that the obligations to British holders of loans for building and equipping the Hukwang, Tientsin-Pukow, Lungshai, and Canton-Kowloon Railways should be treated separately from the Boxer Indemnity position, although the Government were anxious that Sir Miles Lampson should use his utmost influence in the matter.

China Indemnity Purchasing Commission.

Various members at question-time pressed the Government to expedite the appointment of a China purchasing commission.

Dr. Dalton said that the Chinese Minister in London and a representative of the Chinese Ministry of Railways would be the Chinese members of the commission; the remaining four would be British, selected by the Chinese Government from a panel of names which would be submitted to them shortly.

SINO-SOVIET
RELATIONS.COMMERCIAL OR DIPLOMA-
TIC INTERCOURSE?

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NANKING, Feb. 3.
Moh Teh Hui, China's chief delegate to the Moscow Conference, arrived this morning.

Interviewed, Moh Teh Hui said he had come to the capital to obtain instructions regarding the proposed resumption of diplomatic relations with Russia.

He added that he had reported fully to Chang Hsueh Liang at Mukden, but Chang had ordered him to Nanking for instructions.

It is understood here that two suggestions are before the National Government. Firstly, that there be a resumption of full diplomatic relations; and, secondly, that only commercial relations be resumed.

Some quarters are fearing that a full resumption of diplomatic relations will lead to Soviet Communist activities in China.

YEN HSI SHAN'S PROPERTY.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS
CONFISCATION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NANKING, Feb. 3.
The Government has ordered the confiscation of all property owned by Marshal Yen Hsi Shan.

WHOLESALE TURKISH
HANGINGS.TWENTY-EIGHT PAY LAST
PENALTY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 3.
The National Assembly of Ankara has ratified the death sentences passed on 28 reactionaries.

Spectacular Executions.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 3.
Twenty-eight dervishes, hodjas, sheikhs and others were hanged at Menemen this morning for participation in the revolutionary outbreak on December 23.

All were dressed in long white shirts, with placards on their breasts inscribed "Thus are punished traitors to the republican régime of Kemal Pasha." Their hands tied behind their backs they were led surrounded by troops to the gallows in different parts of the village and executed in silence in the darkness, as the public, under cordon, were prohibited from leaving their houses before eight in the morning.

LANCASHIRE COTTON
DISPUTE.RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS
EXPECTED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 3.
It is confidently hoped that the joint meeting in Manchester today by the parties to the cotton dispute will open a new phase and lead to a resumption of discussions between the employers and weavers, and that a tentative agreement will be reached by the object of a new ballot of weavers which it is hoped will end the stoppage.

SOUTH WALES MINERS'
WAGES.FINAL DRAFT OF REGULAT-
ING AMENDMENT.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 3.
The Welsh miners and coal-owners have prepared a final draft of the amendment to regulate wages in the South Wales coalfield. It will be submitted for endorsement at a special meeting of the South Wales Coal Conciliation Board today.

The new agreement will, after signature by the members of the Board, remain in force for three months. The most important issues, such as the regulation of wages in view of the changed hours of working and the present state of industry, will, by agreement, be submitted almost immediately to a new independent chairman, who will be asked to give his award by the end of February.

JAPANESE FISHERY
CONCESSIONS.SOVIET TREATIES
CANCELLATION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, Feb. 3.
Considerable feeling is being aroused here as the result of the reported threat by the Soviet to cancel the Japanese fishery concessions in Siberian waters because Japan has defaulted in the royalties due on February 2.

The question was brought to a head by the closing of the Vladivostok branch of the Bank of Korea and centres round the Soviet insistence upon the royalties being paid at the Soviet's rate of exchange.

Baron Shidohara saw the Soviet Ambassador this morning, and it is believed he suggested that an agreeable rate would be 7/4 sen, but the Ambassador is insisting on 40 sen. However, he promised to refer the matter again to Moscow.

The royalties amount to approximately Yen 4,000,000.

PRINCESS BEATRICE.

CONTINUES SLOWLY TO GAIN
STRENGTH.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 3.
The following communiqué was issued at Kensington Palace this morning:—"Princess Beatrice has had a comfortable night and continues slowly to gain strength." Late last night it was reported that the Princess had gained a little strength during the day.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR-
BOAT CONTEST.MISS ENGLAND THE SECOND
TO COMPETE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 3.
Lord Wakefield has decided to enter the racing motor-boat "Miss England the Second" for the British International Trophy to be contested at Detroit next August. The pilot will be Kaye Don, who during recent trials at Lough Neagh attained an unofficial record of over 100 miles per hour.

Kaye Don meanwhile hopes to make an official attempt on the world speed record at Buenos Aires early in March during the British Empire Trade Exhibition.

H.M.S. NELSON.

VISIT TO UNITED STATES
FLEET.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 3.
The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. Nelson will pass through the Panama Canal on February 22 and during her visit to the United States Fleet will berth at Balboa.

IRAQ PIPE-LINE
CONVENTION.PETROLEUM COMPANY'S
CONCESSION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3.
The Iraq Pipe-line Convention between the High Commissioner of Palestine and the Iraq Petroleum Company provides for the construction of a pipe-line terminating at Acre Bay.

The concession lasts 70 years, after which the pipe-line in Palestine becomes the High Commissioner's property.

The convention may be cancelled if the necessary agreements with other countries through which the pipe-line passes are not completed within three years.

GERMANY AND THE
LEAGUE.NAZIS' WITHDRAWAL
MOTIONS DEFEATED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BERLIN, Feb. 3.
In the course of a discussion by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag on Dr. Curtius' report on the last meeting of the League of Nations' Council, the Nazis put forward a motion de-

manding Germany's withdrawal from the League, on the ground of the League's "complete failure with regard to the protection of national minorities and disarmament." The Socialists also demanded withdrawal. Both motions were, however, defeated.

EARTHQUAKE IN
NEW ZEALAND.TOWN OF NAPIER WIPED
OUT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Feb. 2.

An alarming earthquake occurred this morning, as the result of which a viaduct in the Hawkes Bay district was damaged.

The sea-bottom at Napier is stated to be lifting, and in consequence of the discovery steamers are putting out to sea.

A number of oil-tanks at Napier have been set on fire, but the telegraph lines are down and information is meagre.

British Warships to the Rescue.

LATER.

H.M.S. sloop Veronica, stationed at Napier, wireless that every stone building in the town has been demolished.

There were many outbreaks of fire, and it is feared there has been a heavy loss of life.

The Veronica landed bluejackets to render assistance.

The warships Diomed and Dundee are proceeding to Napier from Auckland with doctors, nurses and medical stores.

It is feared that thousands are homeless.

Food is urgently required.

Tremors Recorded at Sydney.

SYDNEY, Feb. 3.

Terrific earthquake shocks were recorded at 8.51 a.m. lasting for two hours.

Wireless reports from ships state that extensive damage on the North Island has resulted, especially at Napier.

Town Looks as if it Had Been
Bombarded.

LATER.

A telephone message from an eyewitness at Napier states that there is a long stream of casualties.

He is of opinion that the loss of life is heavy.

All the big buildings in the centre of the town, including the Post Office, were razed.

The town looks as if it had been bombarded.

Official Death-roll Twenty-one.

WELLINGTON, Feb. 3.

It is officially announced that 21 are dead from the earthquake.

The hospital at Napier was wrecked and the nurses' home collapsed, killing several of the inmates.

Fire is raging, and half the town is in ruins.

The tremors there were almost continuous.

Two deaths are reported from Wairoa, which, with Waipukurau and Waipawa, was badly damaged.

The Commander of the Veronica, who has taken charge of the situation at Napier, confirms that the damage is very severe.

Refugees are sheltering on board. Heavy damage occurred to bridges on the North Island.

There are indications that the death-roll at Napier will exceed 100.

A portion of Bluff Hill, with houses overlooking the port, collapsed.

The whole business area, half a square mile in extent, was wiped out by fire.

Hastings suffered similarly. Several were burned to death when Kouch's building collapsed while burning.

A-ONCE PLEASANT AND
PEACEFUL TOWN

Napier is a seaport on the east coast of North Island, New Zealand, and capital of the provincial district of Hawkes Bay, north-east of Wellington. The population is estimated at about 10,000. The main portion of the town stretches along the flat shore-land of Hawkes Bay, while the suburbs extend over the hills to the north. The site consists of a picturesque peninsula known as Scinde Island. The harbour (Port Ahuriri) is sheltered by a breakwater. The Cathedral Church of St. John (1888) for the bishopric of Waipatu, is one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings in New Zealand, imitating the early English style in brick. An Athenaeum, a small hospital, a lunatic asylum, a philosophical society and an acclimatization society are among the public institutions. The town, named after Sir Charles James Napier, is under municipal government, and returns a member to the New Zealand House of Representa-

tion. Large quantities of wool and tinned and frozen meats are exported. There is railway communication with Wellington, New Plymouth, and the Wairarapa, Wanganui and Manawatu districts. Numerous old native pa or fortified villages are seen in the neighbourhood.

GENEVA OPIUM
COMMITTEE.DAME LYALL'S SLASHING
ATTACK.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GENEVA, Feb. 2.

A slashing attack on a system that permitted "the prosperity of a great country to be sacrificed to the interests of a few manufacturers" was made by Dame Lyall, Chairman of the Permanent Opium Board.

Addressing the Opium Committee she cited the figures for opium imported to China from Europe, including six tons of morphine, and declared that, while the illicit traffic continued on the present scale, it was not unreasonable of China to distrust the attitude and intentions of manufacturing countries.

The Committee unanimously passed a recommendation affirming the desirability of withdrawing licences from firms implicated in the illicit traffic.

DR. WU LIEN TEH PROPOSES
LEAGUE MONOPOLY.

Some suggestions are made by Dr. Wu Lien Teh, China's Official Delegate to The Hague Opium Conference of 1911-12, in regard to opium suppression, in a Chinese contemporary.

After an historical survey, Dr. Wu makes the following concrete suggestions:

1. The Central authorities, through the Government Opium Suppression Bureau, should acknowledge the magnitude of the affair and invite practical business and scientific leaders to a conference so as to adopt a fundamental method of dealing with the danger.

2. Without delay, an accurate survey should be made of the areas of poppy cultivation throughout the various provinces, so that full data may be available for the guidance of the authorities.

3. Propose an interregnum of 16 years for bringing the whole traffic to an end. During this period, strict control of its production throughout the Republic by the Central Government should be established, particular stress to be laid on the ports and cities whence the raw drug is exported.

4. Invite the experienced staff of the Maritime Customs to collect the necessary revenue, say, at the rate of £12,000 per piehl, which should be entered as a separate opium excise account. By this means, immediate operation could be assured with little or no extra cost to the country.

5. Out of the gross revenue thus collected, at least ten per cent. should be earmarked for the establishment and maintenance of opium refuges and general hospitals in various centres, where the addicts could be treated and whence anti-opium and health propaganda could be disseminated.

6. Hand-in-hand with the above, there should be firmly enforced the gradual diminution of poppy cultivation and opium smoking by one-fifth every year, so that the provinces and people could adapt themselves to the progressive policy of the Government.

7. It is not advisable to adopt too drastic or detailed a scheme, at the beginning, such as the licensing or photographing of opium habitues, for such means entail enormous expenses of administration and numberless loopholes for misdeeds, apart from the unpopularity of the measure.

8. There is no need to be ashamed of this apparent inconsistency from previous declared anti-opium policies of the Government, for a mistake corrected is better than an obstinate insistence upon impractical methods. Besides, we have the glaring example of the powerful and well-organized United States of America, which in spite of its advantages has not been able to solve the problem of Prohibition among a population only one-fourth ours.

Menace of Narcotics.

After discussing the menace of cocaine and other derivatives of opium, Dr. Wu concludes:—Some readers may consider my plan revolutionary, but these are days of initiative, and those responsible for the world's happiness should try to consider any reasonable plan submitted for its attainment.

Opium dens in Newark.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE CHINESE ARRESTED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEWARK (New Jersey), Feb. 2.

Chinese were rounded up during early morning raids on 16 opium dens in Chinatown, in an attempt to capture the leader of the drug ring, who is known just to have arrived from San Francisco.

The leader was not caught, but \$5,000 of drugs were seized and the dens smashed up.

ROYAL MAIL STEAM
PACKET STOCK.DECLINED AS A GIFT ON
STOCK EXCHANGE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet stock, which recently shrank to £8, cannot now be given away on the Stock Exchange in consequence of the adverse view on the question whether the holders' liability is unlimited in the event of winding up.

Counsel's opinions on the matter are in conflict.

SITUATION IN INDIA.

WEEKLY "APPRECIATIONS"
TO BE DISCONTINUED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 2.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, replying to a question, announced the suspension for the present of the Government of India's weekly appreciations of the situation in order to avoid the risk of prejudicing a favourable issue of the present situation.

BENGALI TERRORIST SENTENCED.

COL. SIMPSON'S MURDERER
CONDEMNED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2.

Dinesh Gupta, the sole survivor of the three terrorists who murdered Colonel Simpson, the Inspector-General of Prisons in Bengal, and wounded Mr. Nelson, the Legal Remembrancer, has been sentenced to death.

Three Bengalis forced their way into the Inspector-General's office and shot Col. Simpson, and then they rushed out firing continually to cover their retreat and disappeared.

Mr. J. W. Nelson, judicial secretary, was seriously wounded in attempting to stop the murderers. Two of Inspector-General Simpson's assassins shot themselves.

ARAB BANDITS ROUNDED UP IN LUXOR.

ALL SURRENDER AFTER
BEING WOUNDED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LUXOR, Feb. 2.

The province has been relieved by news that all the bandit terrorists concerned in the attack on the American Expedition wages war on the 28th have been rounded up, thanks to the tenacity of the police.

The "quarry" was chased up to the last man, day and night over the hilly desert.

All the bandits were wounded before they surrendered, with the exception of their leader, Abu-Zeid-Abu-Taleb, who was killed.

The Hale Rifle Grenade and the Hale Aircraft Bomb, were the only ones available for the British and French forces when the war broke out. The first Zeppelin to be destroyed in the war by aircraft, in its hangar at Düsseldorf (Lieut. Marx, October, 1914), the first Zeppelin to be brought down in mid-air, 1915, and the first submarine to be sunk by aircraft, were all effected by Hale bombs, many hundreds of thousands of which were made. Over 10,000,000 Hale grenades were used in the trenches. He also invented in November, 1914, an anti-submarine diving bomb, or depth charge. He was also an expert on armour-piercing shells.

OBITUARY.

F. M. HALE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The death has occurred of the well-known engineer and explosives expert, Mr. Frederick Martin Hale.

He was 66 years of age.

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BYE-ELECTIONS.

FAREHAM DIVISION OF
HAMPSHIRE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, Feb. 3.

A bye-election will take place almost immediately in the Fareham division of Hampshire, owing to the resignation of the Conservative member, Sir John Davidson.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Attorney-General in the late Government, will be the Conservative candidate, and he states he is anxious to return to the House of Commons in time to take part in the debates on the Trades Disputes' Bill.

In a three-cornered contest at the general election Sir John Davidson had a majority of 11,000.

East Itlington.

An exchange of letters between Mr. Paul Springman, representative of the Empire Crusade and the United Empire Party in the East Itlington bye-election now pending, and Miss Cazelot, Conservative candidate, has resulted in the withdrawal of Mr. Springman, and the contest will be between Labour, Conservative and Liberal candidates.

The vacancy was caused by the death of the Labour member, Dr. Elmer Bonham, who had a majority of 2,000 over the Conservative and 4,000 over the Liberal in the general election.

CUBA SUGAR PRODUCTION.

REDUCED ONE-THIRD THIS
YEAR.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

A message from Havana states that a Presidential decree was enforced to-day limiting sugar production for the year to 3,122,000 Spanish tons, a reduction of 33 per cent. compared with 1930.

Sports News

LAWN TENNIS.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THE CHINESE CONTINGENT.

A great deal of speculation prevails at the moment as to China's prospects in the forthcoming struggle for the Open Singles and Open Doubles championships of the Colony. Such old timers as Ng Sze Kwong, Ng Sze Chung, M. W. Lo and Ho Ka Lau are competing, while a crop of young aspirants support them. Chinese titles at lawn tennis is a fascinating game, and even Ng Sze Kwong has been lured to come to action again, concentrating this time on Singles. The best wishes of lovers of the game go with him.

During the past decade, the Chinese have established an enviable record for themselves, and have enjoyed a series of successes, very gratifying to their national at-large. Any close follower of the game can at once recall the performances of Ng Sze Kwong, the first Chinese to win the championship, who dominated on the local courts from the beginning of the decade to 1923, and it is not irrelevant now to add that prior to that he also won the Singles title from 1918 to 1920, so that he actually won it for six years as a stretch—a record which will admittedly be exceedingly difficult to equal.

Singles and Doubles Titles.

Both the Singles and Doubles Titles have gone to Chinese during the years under review. Ng Sze Kwong and W. Look Wei held the Doubles for two years, whilst in the same event, as in Singles, their compatriots reached the final on a few occasions. They suffered a lapse, however, for a few seasons, but a very fine effort by M. W. Lo, who won the Singles Title in 1929, quickly restored their prestige.

Their full record in both events follows:—

OPEN SINGLES:—

- 1921. Ng Sze Kwong won title.
- M. K. Lo, runner-up.
- 1922. Ng Sze Kwong won title.
- M. W. Lo runner-up.
- 1923. Ng Sze Kwong won title.
- 1927. Ng Sze Kwong reached final.
- 1929. M. W. Lo won title.

OPEN DOUBLES:—

- 1922. Ng Sze Kwong and W. Look Wei won title.
- Wong Po Keung partnered V. Yanovich, the pair reaching the final.
- 1923. Ng Sze Kwong and W. Look Wei won title.
- Wong Po Keung partnered V. Yanovich, the pair reaching the final.
- 1924. Ng Sze Kwong and C. Choa reached final.
- 1930. Ho Ka Lau and P. Kong reached final.

Successful Ending.

The Chinese have scored the distinction, not attained by other nationals, of producing two different champions for the Open Singles, viz., Ng Sze Kwong and M. W. Lo. The latter's performance in 1929 was as remarkable as it was deserving. In the other event, they also performed satisfactorily. Although there was a marked falling off during the last half of the decade, they had representatives in the semi-finals in several seasons, while they finished the decade well by Ho Ka Lau and P. Kong's success in reaching the final last year.

Future Prospects.

But their outlook for the immediate future is not very bright. Although their old timers are still active, a certain degree of doubt prevails as to their ability to snatch championships. They badly lack, at the moment, young blood promising enough to wear the mantle of their old masters. Ho Ka Lau enjoys some confidence among followers of the game, while W. C. Hung, R. Choa and Tsui Wai Pui are the only ones who seem likely to develop.

The Chinese prospects for the forthcoming struggle are by no means poor, however. Their foremost aspirants, Ng Sze Kwong and M. W. Lo are capable enough still to snatch a set from any player locally any day, and as matches are only the best of three sets in the early rounds, it is therefore probable that both will go very far in the Singles. Ho is well placed to enter the semi-final, as in paper he is better than anyone in his quarter, but Ng Sze Kwong will probably have to meet G. A. Humphreys to qualify for a semi-final position. This match should be very interesting to watch.

In the Doubles, this is especially so in the third quarter where three of their strong pairs are bracketed. The Lovibonds seem likely to break through to the semi-final, while Ho Ka Lau and P. Kong are also in the same quarter.

Soccer Trial.

PROBABLES MEET THE ROYAL NAVY.

WIN FOR INTERPORTERS.

Hong Kong's Probables in the soccer Interport beat the Navy in the third trial match yesterday by three goals to one in a fast and interesting game.

The Navy had more of the play in the first half, but a very sound half back line of the opposition sent their forwards on occasional raids during which two goals were scored by Fung King Chung.

A better display was given in the second half, when the Probables were more prominent in attack, but both custodians had plenty to do. Clark saved a fast shot and a pass across the goal mouth was narrowly missed. At the other end Aikton nearly let through a ground shot from A. V. Gosano, and then saved from Suen. The latter, receiving from his centre-forward, just skimmed the bar.

Last Minute Goals.

Clark did some fine work at this stage, saving with his foot and then throwing over a hard shot from Skinner. The play was carried to the other end where Fung, receiving from Suen, dodged round the back and netted the third goal.

The Navy had bad luck in a shot from Cartwright striking the bar and going behind. In the last few minutes of the game, however, Nash ended a solo effort to beat Clark from close range.

The following were the teams:—
Probables:—Clark; Strange, Bishop; Hodley, Eynon, Yeoman; B. Gosano, Fung King Chung, A. V. Gosano, Suen Kam Shun, Ian-son.

Navy:—Aikton; Dixon, Carter; Rush, Shirna, Robertson; Morgan, Cartwright, Nash, Stephenson, Skinner.

Emergency Meeting.

There was a possibility of the Hong Kong team being definitely chosen by the Selection Committee last evening.

The Emergency Committee of the H.K.F.A. also met last evening to discuss the letter received from the English Football Association in regard to the suspension of the two Athletic players. It is understood that their recommendations, which will now be available to the Press, will come for confirmation before the Council at the meeting next Tuesday.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SERVICES CLUB.

The triangular tournament having been postponed till after the Interport, the Club will play the Combined Services Trial XV on Saturday, February 7 at 1.15 p.m.

The Services XI is in the nature of a trial side in view of their match with Shanghai on Tuesday, February 17. Various alterations may be effected at half-time so all reserves are asked to attend changing. The following are the teams:
Club:—Back: J. P. Whitham; Three-quarters: G. P. Lammert, G. A. L. Plummer, R. H. Griffiths, J. R. More; Halves: M. W. Turner, J. A. R. Selby; Forwards: W. F. Lockie, J. H. McElroy, E. F. Burrows, F. R. Burch, E. R. West, B. Gaimmell, D. L. Milne Day, B. P. Massey.

Reserves:—W. F. Peers, J. W. King.
Services:—Back: L. Corp. Frankham (S.W.B.); Three-quarters: Lt. Glass (M.G.W.), Lt. Comdr. Evans (S.W.B.), Lt. Gulliford (S.W.B.), Lt. Douglas (S.W.B.); Halves: Lt. Corp. Rees (S.W.B.), Mid. Walker (Cumberland); Forwards: Surg. Lt. Nicholson (Midway), Lt. Corp. Trutt (S.W.B.), F/O Beamsish (Hermes), Sergt. Vowles (S.W.B.), A. D. Deykin (Petersfield), Lt. Haddock (Hermes), Lt. Comdr. Sim (Petersfield), E. A. Wilkinson (Midway).

Reserves:—L. A. O. Senter (Hermes), Lt. Hamilton (S.W.B.), Lt. Chareley (Hermes), Mid. Roberts (Stormcloud), Surg. Lt. Brownan (Cumberland), Pte. Gilmour (S.W.B.).

Referee: Eng. Com. Wilson.
Services to play in blue. Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

In order to rest the ground there will be no further Wednesday "A" matches until Wednesday, February 24.

On Jan. 24, Mr. Men. K. S. and his brothers will probably contest the issue, although the three pairs will have to reckon with C. E. Holmes and B. D. Evans. A ray of hope exists for them in the fourth quarter where P. Kong and Lee Wai Tong are placed, and it will be interesting to see how this pair will fare against O. A. L. Humphreys and J. A. Cassimboy.

"BEAUTY IN WORDS."

DELIGHTFUL LECTURE BY FATHER BYRNE.

A TREAT FOR THE ENGLISH ASSOCIATION.

At the Hong Kong Branch of the English Association, Fr. Byrne S.J. read a paper on "Beauty in Words." The following were some of the principal ideas touched in the lecture:

"Tennyson remarked that it was strange that Browning seemed unaware of the splendour of words. Doubtless, we may add, when we recall that Browning was a poet who was a musician. A metaphysical writer might be satisfied with mosaics worked out of the harmony of words, with no cares for their melody, but we should expect the musician's ear to be keenly alive to the charm of melody. If poets may fail in their appreciation of words, we can easily imagine that the ordinary man may give constant cause for the lament of Matthew Arnold:—

What a touch of goodness in our race, what an original shortcoming in the more delicate spiritual perceptions, is shown by the natural growth amongst us of such hideous names—Higginbottom, Stiggins, Buggs." We sympathise with Arnold; in spite of the fact that the word "bug" originally meant goblin or elf and is found in a sixteenth century version of the Bible to replace the Hebrew word "terror":—

Thou shalt not need to be afraid of any bugs by night." (Ps. 90 v. 8; Rev. vers. Ps. 91.)

There is a force in the word which we use; we ought not to forget it. The word has been coined by human industry, but into the mingling what labour and gold of genius have gone only the history of language can tell us. Though a word may have become commonplace, it can be a monument pointing, at the cross-roads of civilisation, to the hopes and fears of a race now dead. Faces may smile at us through its humour; voices may whisper sadly through its turns, as the murmur of the waves in the seashell.

The Poets.

We naturally look to the poets for the most delicate expression of the beauty of the sound in words. They are the professional weavers of words, marked by refinement of elevated diction. A worker in clay will make a different model from a worker in iron or in silver, so the poet will select his words to suit the light or heavy effect to be produced. When R. Mulholland sings:

"So I shod my feet in their golden sandals,
And I looped my gown with a ribbon of blue,
And into the garden went I singing,
The birds in the boughs fell a-singing, too."

we follow his lightly tripping, expectant music everywhere; but when Chesterton rolls out the lines:

"Strong gongs groaning as the guns boom far,
Don Juan of Austria is going to the war;
Stiff flags streaming in the night-blast cold,
In the gloom black-purple, in the glint old-gold;
Tonight crimson on the cop- per, kittle-drum,
Then, tin tuckets, then the trumpet, then the canon, and he comes..."

we line up instinctively, and hear the war-hounds bay. The pleasure in both cases is largely due to the quality of sound in the words chosen.

Among modern poets, Swinburne is outstanding as a reveler in words. Indeed, when the first surge of his syllables has engulfed the reader with an intoxication not unlike that of surfbathing, he may rise, shake himself free of the spray and wonder why it has swept him off his feet. Swinburne, has caricatured, in *Nepheleia*, his own tendency to luxuriate in words for the pleasure of the sound:

"From the depths of the dreamy decline of the dawn through a notable stimulus of nebulous moonshine,
Pallid and pink as the palm of the flag-flower that flickers with fear of the flies as they float..."

Plato and Spenser.

In words there is a deeper beauty than the beauty of sound. There is the beauty of thought, the beauty which lifts the word from the physical world into the moral sphere, where it may tremble as the silver chord of a broken voice, or sparkle, like a fragment of

WESTMINSTER GLEE SINGERS.

FAREWELL CONCERTS TO-DAY.

This afternoon at 3 and this evening, Mr. Edward Branscombe's famous singers will give their two final performances at the Theatre, Royal when an entirely new programme will be presented. Of special interest will be a new series of traditional songs of the Four Nations, embracing "Jenny Jones" and "The Bells of Aberdovey" (Wales) "Three Men they went A-Hunting" and "Among the Leaves so Green-oh" (England), "Afton Water" and "My Love she's but a Lassie Yet" (Scotland), and "The Low-back'd Car" and "The Londonderry Air" (Ireland). The sailor songs will be "Johnnie come down to Hilo," "The Sailor Likes His Bottle" and "Blow ye winds of Morning." In addition there will be a fine set of Old English Melodies, "Come Lasses and Lads," "Once I Lov'd a Maiden Fair" and "The British Grenadiers." For the matinee a special selection of children's items will be added. The Company leaves on Thursday by the Empress of Japan for Shanghai.

radiant with the light of reason and the glow of love.

"Faith is the heaven, where happy souls have place,
In full enjoyment of felicity
More faire in that where those Ideas on his
Enraptured be, which Plato so admired.

And pur Intelligences from God inspired." (Spenser, *Hymns of H. Beauty*.)

When the student of Spenser reads these words, he remembers that the philosophy of Plato exercised on English literature, through Spenser, enhanced by the strong Christian emotions of the Middle Ages, an effect which has begotten the charm and indefinite suggestiveness to be found in the words *love* and *beauty*. He may well echo the complaint of a modern writer that "every time we abuse these terms, or use them too lightly, we are draining them of their power and, so, squandering a great pile of spiritual capital which has been laid up by centuries of weary effort."

The history, the morality, the rational character of a people can be traced in the words which they use. They bring us to listen to the family group around the fireside, they describe the daily occupations, they unfold social and political development. They are replete with man's religious ideals.

Everyday we meet with numberless instances of the moral effect of the use of words. Call a man a *fiddler*, you suggest the low music-hall; call him a *violinist*, you have set the strings of his instrument vibrating with the symphonies of the great composers. The doctor who assures the old lady with the dyspeptic headache that she is suffering from a touch of *cephalalgia*, will have strengthened her confidence in his skill; the bluff verdict "over-eating" would have lost him a patient and made an enemy!

So convinced are men of this power of words that they try to conceal their depravity by a carefully selected vocabulary. The Greek historian Thucydides lampoons the sycophancy of perverted euphemisms. There is a real danger to the national life when the habit of finding agreeable names for disagreeable action or still worse, a pretended scientific justification for deeds which a healthy race would punish as crimes. Future historians will have no difficulty in condemning the crime of our age which seeks to cover up some of its depravity by distorting the beautiful meaning which the word *eugenics* should convey.

In the compass of a short paper we can only hint at headings of this theme, the beauty of words in their moral revelation. We might take our English language and wonderingly dig among its fossil words, asking why *mere*, the old Anglo-Saxon for *like* or *seem*, now lingers only in the poet's rhyme or in the fancied mermaid. Or we might listen to the mysterious sounds which, in the stillness of the night, fill the children full of panic, and ask ourselves was there no such consciousness of the Greek god Pan invaded homes and made them shadowy with the mysterious presence which awaked the fearful motions of flocks and herds?

We have all watched children blow soap-bubbles: we have blown them, and seen the individual skill of the blow, the gleam of the process, as down the splend of the soapy material. Some can produce only small bubbles, heavy with the slimy grease of the wash-tub; others pour out a delicate stream of exquisitely-thinned filaments, rich with the beauty of the rainbow hue.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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- 11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
- 12.30 p.m.—European programme.
- 1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local time and commercial news.
- 2 p.m.—Close down.
- 4 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
- 6 to 8.30 p.m.—Chinese children's concert.
- 7 to 11 p.m.—European programme of Victor records supplied by Messrs. Tsang Pook Piano Co.
- 7 to 7.30 p.m.—Mozart's "Jaipier Suite."—These records have been kindly loaned by a listener.
- 7.35 to 7.53 p.m.—

Schubert Selection.

- "The Hurdy-Gurdy Man."—Impatience—Farwell (from Schubert).—John McCormack and the Victor Salon Group.
- "Moments Musicaux" (Schubert).—Victor Salon Orchestra.
- "Serenade" (Schubert).—John McCormack and the Victor Salon Group.
- "Ave Maria" (Schubert).—John McCormack and the Victor Salon Group.
- 7.53 to 8.29 p.m.—

Organ Solos.

- "Jeannette I Dream of Lilia Time" (from "Lilia Time")—Jesse Crawford.
- "King for a Day."—Jesse Crawford.
- "Me and the Man in the Moon."—Jesse Crawford.
- "You're the Cream in My Coffee" (from "Hold Everything")—Jesse Crawford.
- "Rosette."—Jesse Crawford.
- "For Old Times' Sake."—Jesse Crawford.
- 8.30 to 8.43 p.m.—

Operatic.

- "La Sonnambula" (Could I Believe) (Bellini).—Toti Del Monte (Soprano).
- "Falstaff" (from "Secret Caves and Bowers") (Verdi).—Toti Del Monte (Soprano).
- "Samson and Dalila" (Dallia's Song of Spring) (Saint-Saens).—Sigrid Onegin (Contralto).
- "Samson and Dalila" (My Heart as Thy Sweet Voice) (Saint-Saens).—Sigrid Onegin (Contralto).
- "Barbiere di Siviglia" (A Little Voice I Hear) (Rossini).—Madam Amalia Galli-Curci (Soprano).
- 8.43 to 9 p.m.—Rhapsodie Espagnole: "Prelude a la Nuit—Malaguena—Habenera—Feria"—continued.—Symphony Orchestra.
- 9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.
- 9 to 9.30 p.m.—

From the Studio.

- Pianoforte recital by Miss L. Pecker:—
- 1. Ballade Op. 33 by Chopin.
- 2. Children's Corner Suite—(a) "Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum" and (b) "Golliwog's Cake Walk," by Claude Debussy.
- 3. "Polka" by S. Rachaminoff.
- 4. "Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 2" by F. Liszt.
- 5. "Grand Etude" by Paganini and Liszt.
- 9.30 to 11 p.m.—

Dance Programmes.

- Fox Trot—"I Still Remember."
- Fox Trot—"I Never Dreamt You'd Fall in Love With Me."
- Fox Trot—"Dancing to Save Your Soul."
- Fox Trot—"All I Want is Just One."
- Fox Trot—"This is Heaven."
- Waltz—"Sleepy Valley."
- Fox Trot—"Sharing."
- Fox Trot—"My Sweetheart Serenade."
- Fox Trot—"You're the Sweetest Girl This Side of Heaven."
- Fox Trot—"Like a Dream."
- Waltz—"Destiny."
- Waltz—"Cocotte."
- Fox Trot—"In My Heart It's You."
- Fox Trot—"I Stittin' on a Rain-bow."
- Fox Trot—"Takes You."
- Fox Trot—"Daddy, Won't You Please Come Home."
- Fox Trot—"Caribbean Love Song."
- Waltz—"My Lonely Heart."
- Fox Trot—"Heigh Ho Every-body Heigh Ho!"
- Fox Trot—"Miss You."
- Fox Trot—"Nobody Cares If I'm Blue."
- Waltz—"The Kiss Waltz."
- Fox Trot—"Tip-Too, Thru the Tulips."
- Fox Trot—"Painting the Clouds With Sunshine."
- Fox Trot—"Tina Lave."
- Rumba-Fox Trot—"The Peanut Vendor."
- Waltz—"Until We Meet Again Sweetheart."
- Waltz—"One More Waltz."
- "God Save The King."
- 11 p.m.—Close down.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. LADIES' NIGHT.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW.

The European Y.M.C.A. is presenting a special programme of theatricals and musical numbers at Ladies' night to-morrow (Thursday).

Three one-act plays, "The Camberley Triangle" (A. A. Milne), "In Port," and Arnold Bennett's amusing little farce, "The Stop-mother," will be given under the able production of Mr. W. Robertson, who, it will be remembered was once producer to that very clever little company the Quarry Bay A.D.C. The vocalists are to be Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McLeod and Mrs. Rendall.

Programme.

- The full programme is as follows:—
- 1. Song Mrs. Rendall.
- 2. "The Camberley Triangle," a Comedy in one act by A. A. Milne.
- Kate Camberley Kathleen P. Curtin.
- Cyril Norwood (her lover). G. Sims.
- Dennis Camberley (her husband) T. J. Price.
- Scene: Kate Camberley's Drawing Room.
- Time: An evening in the year 1919.
- 3. Song Mr. C. W. McLeod.
- 4. "In Port," a Drama.
- Mr. Justice Atherley, W. Robertson.
- Robert Adderley (a convict) S. M. West.
- Fletcher J. J. Ferguson.
- Scene: Dining Room in the home of Mr. Justice Atherley.
- Time: Evening.
- 5. Song Mr. G. W. McLeod.
- 6. "The Stop-mother," a Farce in one act by Arnold Bennett.
- Corn Proust (a popular novelist and widow) Margaret Birt.
- Adrian Proust (her step-son) E. R. Price.
- Thomas Gardner (a doctor) G. F. Rees.
- Christine Feversham (Mrs. Proust's Secretary) Wendy Orms.
- Scene: Mrs. Proust's study.
- Time: Morning.
- Staging and Effects, J. O. Grenham.
- At the Piano, Nancy A. McNeillie.
- The Plays produced, W. Robertson.

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PLAINTIFF ASKS FOR AN INJUNCTION.

AN INTERRUPTED MEETING.

Reference to a meeting at which strong opposition was raised by a certain number of shareholders, which resulted in the withdrawal of the chairman, was made at the Supreme Court yesterday in an action which commenced before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood).

The Sze Yap Steamship Co., Ltd., is the plaintiff, and the defendants are Chung Chung She, Chun Yui Chi, Lo Man Pan, Lau Fai Tong and Lai Hong Sang.

Plaintiff claims an injunction to restrain defendants from acting as directors, or dealing with the funds, or using the seal, or otherwise interfering in the management of the company, and for damages in respect of these matters.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, senior, of Messrs. d'Almada and Mason, is for plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, is defending.

In the course of opening his case, Mr. Potter said that the company operated the s.s. Tai Lee and the s.s. On Lee, between Hong Kong and Kowloon. For a considerable time the shareholders had been divided into two groups, and the plaintiff group felt very strongly that the company had not been properly managed. There were very serious disputes which came to a head early in 1930.

Shareholders' Requisition.

On March 27, 1930, Messrs. G. K. Hall Britton & Co., acting on behalf of a large body of shareholders, sent a requisition to the directors, calling upon them to convene an extraordinary meeting. The requisition contained eight resolutions, which were to the effect that the requisitionists desired to get rid of the directors and appoint others. The directors, in a written reply, refused to convene the meeting. Subsequently the shareholders instructed Messrs. d'Almada and Mason, who prepared another requisition on April 8, 1930, but the directors again failed to convene a meeting.

The requisitionists convened a meeting themselves on July 8, 1930, notices being published in the Press, and sent to shareholders and the directors.

At that meeting, Mr. Li Yu Tong, a shareholder, but not a requisitionist, was elected to the chair. There was a great deal of heated discussion, the heat being mainly engendered by the one thing the chairman would not do—the resolutions which were on the requisition for which purpose the meeting had been convened. During the whole course of that meeting, while it was under the chairmanship of Mr. Li, not one of the resolutions was put. Mr. Li left the meeting, saying he was unable to control it and his supporters also left. Another chairman was then appointed and the meeting proceeded to consider the resolutions.

Shareholders' Evidence.

Among the witnesses called was Mr. Ng Tong Kai, who said he was a shareholder and one of the original promoters of the company and also chairman of the old board of directors. Witness said that when the eight resolutions were read out to the meeting, some of the shareholders protested and asked that the resolutions relating to chartering and dividend only should be discussed. There was strong opposition by the majority of those present. The chairman intimated he was unable to conduct the meeting if the people made a noise, and he later withdrew in spite of the requests of the majority of those present that he should continue the meeting. Witness was then appointed as chairman to continue the proceedings.

In reply to Mr. Jenkin, witness said he had arranged for a European Sergeant and policeman to be present at the meeting.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that at the meeting of July 8 only two resolutions were discussed?—No.

That these two resolutions were discussed?—No.

And that those present dispersed in a peaceful manner?—No.

Witness, in answering further questions, said that the police officer was wrong if he said that only forty or fifty people remained after the chairman withdrew.

The case was adjourned.

STOCK EXCHANGE ENTERTAINS.

CELEBRATION OF 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

TRIBUTE TO MR. G. H. POTTS.

There was a large and distinguished gathering at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's premises in Exchange Building yesterday when that institution celebrated its fortieth anniversary.

Mr. G. C. Moxon proposed the toast of "Long Life and Success to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange" and coupled with it the name of Mr. George Potts, the Chairman.

In doing so, he said:—
If anyone had told me some eight years ago that I should have had the honour of addressing you to-day and proposing the toast that has been entrusted to me I should have looked upon any such statement as a phantasm.

At that time, I frankly confess I had no idea that I should ever see Hong Kong again, but life is full of the unexpected and in this case I am glad that the opportunity has come my way to wish you all health and prosperity. I am, I assure you, very sensible of the compliment that has been paid to me.

To-day is the 40th anniversary of the foundation of this Stock Exchange and in spite of the ups and downs inseparable from the business it controls, I think you may be proud of the fact that your flag is still flying and that your activities have a far greater scope than in days of yore. There is something in the rough and tumble of a share market that makes for camaraderie amongst those actively engaged, some spirit of bonanza and forerance, some generosity and openhandedness; such I have always found it and I think you will do well to foster such qualities.

I do not suppose there are many here present old enough to remember a song that was sung in the London music halls when I was a lad by the once famous Bessie Bellow. Its refrain has always stuck in my memory—

"Life is a game of see saw
Many its ups and downs
One day you're counting your
five pound notes
and another collecting your
browns."

That is as true to-day as it was 40 years ago.

Three Original Members.

I believe I am correct in stating that of the Members of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange of 40 years ago only three individuals are still alive. First, easily first, is my dear old friend George Potts, your Chairman to-day, a marvelous record and a marvelous personality.

Second, Mr. J. R. Michael, who was hale and well last time I saw him in London not long since.

Thirdly, Mr. S. Coxon, now in England, but I have not the pleasure of knowing him.

Long May They Flourish!

I do not propose to detain you with a long speech, nor do I propose to preach you a sermon. Life itself and experience will teach you all what is good to do and what is good to leave undone. I would only say that I think the closer you model your laws and your conduct of affairs on the London Stock Exchange, the more likely are you to last. That Exchange always appears to me to be conducted on very sound and practical lines.

I have only to wish you many years of prosperity. I hope you will more than complete your century, and carry your bat with dignity and profit to yourselves and those who support you. I give you this toast—"Long Life and Success to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange" and I couple with it the name of your Chairman, Mr. George Potts.

Forty Years Ago.

Replying, Mr. Potts said:—
On behalf of my fellow members and myself I thank you most sincerely for the kind way in which you have received the toast of the Exchange.

Mr. Moxon has just told you that I am one of the three surviving original members and I could have wished that the other two—Mr. Michael and Mr. S. Coxon—were also here to-day to keep us company. However, there is one other member with us who runs me a close second—my colleague on the Committee, Mr. Gould, who joined the Exchange in the middle nineties. Both he and I have seen the financial history of Hong Kong in the making.

I can recall the time when the Exchange was a tiny affair, and I can also recall when the total market value of investments was probably not more than one tenth of the corresponding investments at the present time—a phenomenal expansion indeed, for such a small colony as Hong Kong.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

POPSY SEES AN AWFUL PROSPECT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

My Dear Editor,—I'm simply prostrate with grief. Tubby says that some horrid man suggests that if the Government really can't pay sterling contract they ought to get them to wave the military distribution to bridge the deficit.

I don't quite understand what it means, but Tubby says there's a law that a fifth of everything we pay in taxes goes to England, and for this the dear General allows us so much soldiers each, and if they stop this military distribution there wouldn't be anyone to dance with, because the Navy wouldn't stay if the Army didn't. I think that's the noble of the Navy, because you must have *hors de combat* in the services; but isn't it too utterly unfair to us we don't pay taxes to have civil servants to dance with?

Maud says that if they are so contemptible they might just as well close both poor Sir William's residences and turn the place into a White Man's Grave. Isn't it too dreadfully macabre, my dear?

Yours devastated,

POPSY.

Hong Kong, Feb. 3.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Your correspondent in Monday's paper hit the nail squarely on the head in his argument against further taxation, which severely affects the person with a small income, who is already oppressed by increased rents, and greater cost both of provisions and other daily needs of life.

The burden of the Entertainment Tax to the small wage earner is perhaps not fully realised, but I quote one instance to show how it is applied to the disadvantage of the small wage earner. The Queen's Theatre, let me say first of all, used to charge 70 cents for a front seat. Now the same seat is 50 cents plus five cents tax. This is a generous and wise concession. But against that a seat at a football stand which formerly cost 50 cents is now 60 cents, and out of it ten cents goes to the Government. Why cannot the old admission fee be retained at the old figure and the tax be paid by the football authorities themselves?

Surely there must be directions in which money could be saved. I hear on good authority that schoolmasters and hospital nurses are provided with first class passages to and from Home in P. & O. boats. Officers of His Majesty's Army, including majors and captains, I am told, travel second class on these boats. Why should schoolmasters and nurses receive first class passages out of public funds? Would they look first if they had to pay the passage themselves? The answer would be most decidedly not. No doubt the Retirement Committee could look into this and other points where high life is ruining the Colony.—Yours, etc.,

SAM FAN LUK.

Hong Kong, February 2.

I and I hope you will not deem it presumption on my part if I claim, on behalf of this Exchange, some credit for its having been the means, however small, of helping to place this vast capital investment in local undertakings.

Mr. Moxon also spoke of the spirit of bearance and forbearance. Believe me, gentlemen, we brokers must not only be possessed of these two great qualities—in ample measure, but we must also be possessed of that other and greater quality—a philosophical turn of mind. As you all know, the world over, the brokers are always blamed for any sort of catastrophe that may take place. Apparently some investors seem to be under the impression that brokers must know beforehand how the Stock Market is going to move. I can assure you, gentlemen, that we possess no such super knowledge, for if we did, very few of us would have to remain in harness for more than a year or two.

Mr. Potts closed his brief speech by paying a tribute to the late Sir Paul Chater for his forthright, unflinching work, and also related an amusing anecdote of the late Sir Hornamu Mody, whom Mr. Potts described as one of the biggest porters of the Stock Exchange during his life.

SECOND ATTEMPT ON HSHNING.

SEARCH REVEALS CONCEALED ARMS.

DISCOVERY ON LEAVING SHANGHAI.

A second attempt, to pirate the C. M. str. Hsinming was frustrated at Shanghai last Wednesday by the party of Chinese soldiers who have been stationed on board the steamer since her unhappy experience at Honghai Bay on January 10.

The steamer had left the C. M. Wharf at 5.30 p.m. en route for Foochow, under the command of Captain C. C. Mah who had taken over from Captain J. S. Soden. When near the A. P. C. Co's Upper Wharf the soldiers decided to conduct a search of all the passengers on board.

Among the first to be searched was an alleged fruit merchant, travelling storage, who gave his name as Li Hsing-shi and his destination as Fokien. In specially designed pockets between the legs of his trousers were found a sawed-off shotgun and a fully-loaded six-chambered revolver. In a basket of bananas, included among his baggage, were 125 rounds of ammunition. He confessed that it was the intention of himself and five others on board to hold up the officers after Wosung and revenge themselves for the execution of eight associates captured by the Chinese authorities after complicity in the previous piracy.

Four of the five accomplices were quickly identified and handcuffed. They were unarmed but believed to have thrown their arms overboard when they became aware of the arrest of Li Hsing-shi. Two of the four had identical gun pockets between the legs of their trousers.

Captain Mah immediately wired to the Shanghai office of the Chinese Merchants S. N. Co. and to the head quarters of the French Police and intimated his decision to return to the Wharf. When he arrived there, at about 7.30 p.m., an escort of French detectives and representatives of the Public Safety Bureau were in readiness and an intensive search of the steamer ensued. This resulted in the discovery of two loaded revolvers in galleys adjacent to the storage quarters and a quantity of opium on a lower deck.

Men Handed Over.

The five men were formally handed over to the Chinese authorities by the French Police later in the evening.

In an interview with a representative of the *N. O. Daily News* Mr. A. Sinclair, chief engineer of the Hsinming, gave a graphic description of the discovery of the pirates on board and what followed.

"We were up top," Mr. Sinclair said, "when we heard a commotion below which we at first thought was a fight among the passengers. Soon, however, a member of the Chinese guards came rushing up to tell us that a man had been caught with arms and ammunition in his possession who had confessed to an ambition to revenge himself for the execution of his comrades, participants in the piracy of our ship on the previous voyage. Soon after we learnt that other men had been captured; practically red-handed."

"As you will realize, we were taking no chances after our unfortunate experience on January 10 and Captain Mah, with some drug chow, hoisted the police flag and wirelessly the local offices of the Company and the French Police an account of what had occurred. Acting on instructions, he returned to the C. M. Wharf."

"When we returned to the Wharf the French Police and Chinese detectives who were awaiting our arrival refused to allow anyone to land and conducted a thorough-going search of the steamer and all on board. They did not, however, carry out their original intention, which was to detain all the passengers, either on board or at the police station, until they could produce substantial guarantees. Beyond the discovery of the two other revolvers and some drug nothing else belonging to the pirates was found during this police search."

"When the Chinese authorities learnt of what had happened they immediately detailed an additional 12 guards to duty on the steamer, making, in addition to the 12 who had made the discovery in the case of the alleged fruit merchant, 24 in all. The original 12 guards were sent on board at Foochow after our experience at Honghai Bay and were making the return voyage. Had it not been for the presence of these guards on board we would certainly have been looked to a greater extent than on the previous voyage, with great loss of life."

HOUSE RANSACKED.

ROBBERS HAVE A MEAL AND SLEEP.

The armed robbery at 622, Bonham Road, on the night of January 14, when four men entered the premises, ransacked the place, ate a meal and slept there all night before decamping the next morning, had its sequel at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Lau Kit was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with being concerned, together with three others not in custody, in the robbery. A woman named Leung Sam Sang was also charged with receiving a gold ring.

Leung Kwok Chiu, in the witness-box, stated that on the night in question he was in bed when suddenly four men rushed into the room. He said at first that he recognised one of them as Ho Siu Chuen, but later changed his mind and said he thought one of them was Ho because his sister had pointed out the man to him as such.

He went on to describe how the men bound and gagged him and the other inmates of the house, and stated that the intruders forced open every drawer or box in the flat that was locked. Witness said that the men left the premises at about 6 a.m. and the reason why he did not make a report to the Police till about 8.30 a.m. was because just before they left, the robbers said they would kill anybody who tried to communicate with the police. Asked why he did not blow a police whistle, witness said the robbers had taken all the whistles away with them.

Witness concluded his evidence by saying that when the robbers went away, they left behind a few chisels. Some of these were lying on the floor in his mother's room and some were in the passage.

When asked whether he had any questions to put to witness, defendant said he had nothing at all to do with the robbery.

Further evidence was taken after which the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

WANCHAI FRACAS.

INDIAN MAY DIE OF WOUNDS.

The recent free fight in Wanchai between a number of Indians was recalled at Central Magistracy yesterday when Sobhat Khan and Abdul Khawan were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on charges of wounding and causing grievous bodily harm to the other four men, who are still detained in hospital as a result of the fight.

Mr. A. O. E. Rendall appeared for the defence.

Addressing the Court, Det. Sub-Inspector M. Murphy produced certificates to prove that the four men were still in hospital. Continuing, the officer said it appeared that the complainants went to the residence of the two defendants and called the first down into the street. It was alleged that the first defendant, who was later joined by the second, stabbed the complainants. The complainants, however, would not admit that they had gone to the defendants' house. They claimed that they were passing along the street when the trouble occurred.

His Worship pointed out to Mr. Rendall that according to the medical certificate, two of the men were suffering from stab wounds in the stomach and would not be fit for discharge for another three weeks, while the third also had a stab wound in the stomach but would probably be discharged from hospital one week earlier, the fourth requiring but one week for treatment of scalp wounds. It would be necessary, therefore, to adjourn the case formally for six weeks, pending the discharge of the four men.

Inspector Murphy said there was a possibility of one of the men dying.

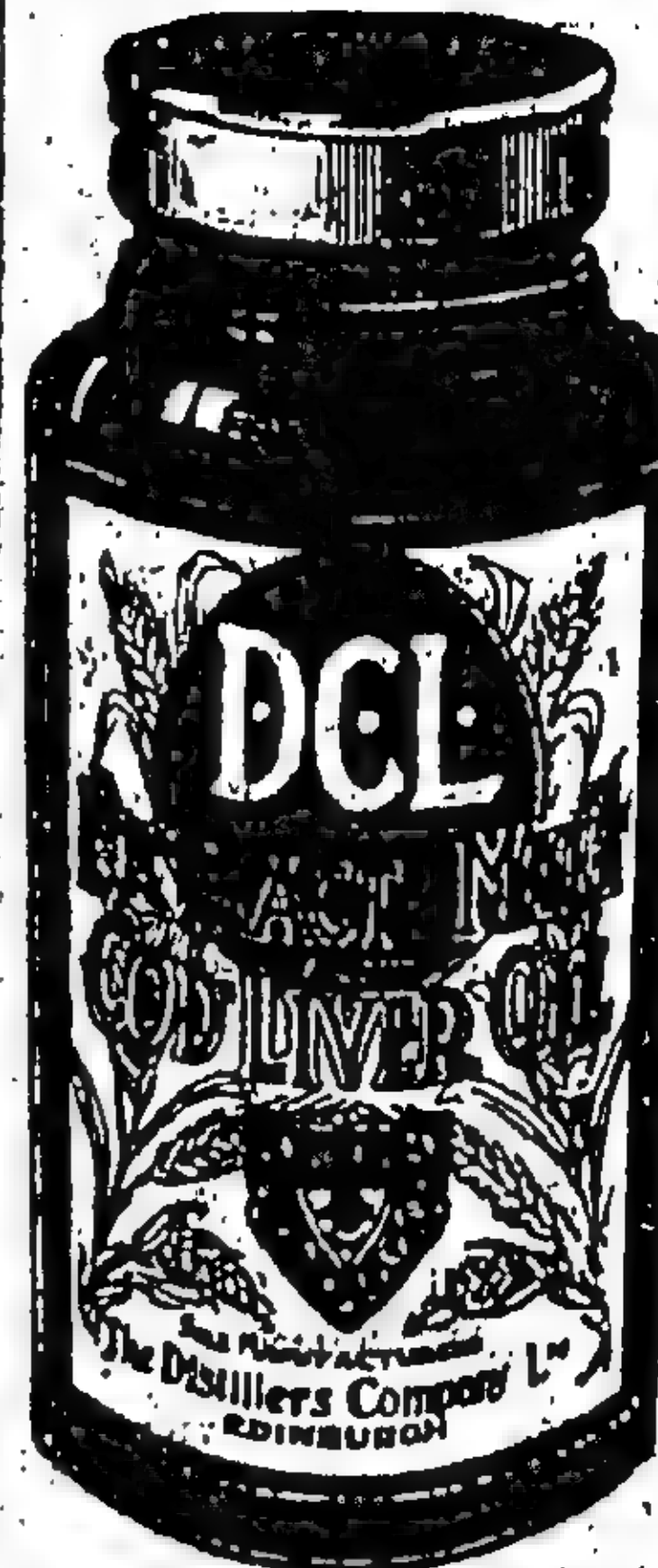
Mr. Rendall intimated that he would make an application for bail if the man who might die got out of danger.

The defendants were remanded for one week, bail being refused.

One Foreigner Aboard.

Mr. Sinclair, who is at present the only foreign member of the crew of the Hsinming (Captain Soden having been removed to command of the str. Hsinchong), was on board the steamer when on January 10 she was seized by pirates, who had boarded her at Shanghai 56 passengers, at Honghai Bay, 55 miles north of Hong Kong and above Bias Bay. Three Chinese first-class passengers and a member of the ship's commissaire staff were then taken by the pirates, together with a quantity of the valuable cargo on board. Eight of the pirates were subsequently captured by a Chinese gunboat.

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THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON THESE ANIMALS.

Let me hastily profess these remarks by confessing that I am a dog-lover to my very marrow. I have owned many dogs. I have loved some of them exceedingly. Some of them have been good dogs in the varied sense of the word; dogs who guarded my home well; dogs who never snapped when small children took ridiculous liberties with them; dogs who sat in pens at shows and tried not to look too self-conscious of the champions' tickets that adorned their temporary homes.

But I see quite clearly that the new world is going to be a difficult world for dogs. This is both directly and indirectly the fault of the motor-car. In my youth anybody who had a dog was allowed to let it run wild at will, so long as it did not bite people or bark at the moon too persistently. But nowadays, in what a Yankee would call my "home town," they have just made a new by-law about the inevitable fouling of pavements by dogs.

Nowadays, the horse is almost extinct, and the carriageways have become spotlessly clean, apart from occasional green pools of oil outside gates where rather decrepit cars have stood and leaked. This novel cleanliness of the carriage way has thrown occasional dirt on the side-walk into high relief, and there has been a new offence, which brings old ladies who own a dog to run loose, the stolid purview of our worthy constables. Consequently, our local dogs, however small, never go out now in the town except on a lead. It looks as though a day might dawn when dog-lovers will only be able to exercise their pets by conveying them in little, wheeled, sanitary cages to the borough boundary, where they might be released for a joyous hour in the woods.

Fatal Canine Attractions.

This legal aspect of the ownership of dogs in the modern world is actually the least serious change in the situation. Until quite recently a dog of moderate intelligence could be trusted to traverse country road or town street as well as thick but thickly he had a modest chance of survival. His chance is shrinking to-day. The reflective puppy is almost a contradiction in terms. Puppy sees a cat across the road, or perhaps a dog of the opposite sex, or perhaps symptoms of some slight bickering between two or three assorted dogs on the other side of the road. Puppy would probably be too timid to essay the crossing of Oxford Street in the rush hours in order to gratify the insatiable which such spectacles arouse in him. But the moderately spaced traffic of an ordinary provincial street or rural highway is not sufficiently appalling. Down goes his nose. He fastens himself into an eager little projectile, and makes for his objective utterly regardless of passing motor cars. Now, motorists are humane persons. Not one of us can see a dog making for involuntary suicide without attempting to save its life. Our efforts may take the form of a swerve or of crash braking. In either case this irrational instinct is extremely likely to endanger lives, which are conceivably more valuable than that of any dog. It seems that it is only a matter of time for heavy penalties to be imposed on any person who allows any dog to use the roads and streets, except on a lead.

A driver of my acquaintance, who is something of a biologist, applies the old tag to dogs, and divides them into the quick and the dead. He considers that modern traffic will automatically eliminate all unreflective strains and breeds of dogs; that ultimately all dogs will become traffic-wise by natural selection; that the Pekes of, say, 1950, sighting a lady Peking or a dogfight, or a butcher's shop across the road, will no longer convert itself into a flat streak, as my Peking does. It will sit down and say: "That approaching car is a Trojan; it is 100 yards away; I can just get across before it arrives!"

Butcher's Boy and Bulldog.

In my Oxford days I owned a white bulldog, which was almost blind, but had acute hearing. I admit that before it crossed the Cornmarket it sat on the edge of the kerb to listen. But canine reason is intrinsically inadequate. When it could hear no rumble of hoarse vehicles it decided that the Cornmarket was clear and began to waddle across. The trick succeeded for about a week, and then it failed to hear the approach of an errand boy on a bicycle, and was run over. The bulldog considered the body that had rammed him out of sheer malice, and it bit him, involving me in a costly dispute. So my biologist friend does not convince me.

A French friend of mine put his Lagonda into a hedge in his efforts to avoid a neighbour's red setter. (Continued at foot of next column.)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER'S INTERIM REPORT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 2. The Prime Minister announced to-day that the Royal Commission on unemployment insurance has been asked to make an interim report on the subject of transitional benefits at an early date.

This type of benefit is not provided for in the actual basis of the insurance scheme, and evidence before the Commission on its effect on the finances of the scheme has caused concern in the Press and Parliament.

ELECTORAL REFORM BILL. CONSERVATIVES MOVE ITS REJECTION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 2. In the House of Commons to-day, the Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes, moved the second reading of the Representation of the People Bill, which introduces the Alternative Vote and other changes in electoral procedure.

Sir Samuel Hoare moved the rejection of the Bill on behalf of the Conservatives, while Sir Herbert Samuel, for the Liberals, spoke in support of the Bill.

The division will be taken on Tuesday night.

WORLD'S LAND SPEED RECORD.

UNOFFICIAL TRIAL EXCEEDS PREVIOUS BEST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

DAYTONA (Fla.), Feb. 2. Captain Malcolm Campbell, the famous British racing motorist, driving the 1,400 horse-power British "Bluebird" in a practice run to-day attained a speed of approximately 240 miles an hour.

The speed was unofficially timed, and in any event the late Sir Henry Segrave's 231 m.p.h. is not affected, as, apart from the absence of an official time-keeper, records must be made by taking the mean of speed made travelling each way over a set course.

LATER.

Captain Campbell will make his official attempt on the record to-morrow, the beach and the weather permitting.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 2.	
Paris	123.68
New York	4.55 19/32
Brussels	34.83
Gonoa	25.13
Amsterdam	12.08
Milan	92.77
Berlin	80.43
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.10
Oslo	18.10
Vinona	34.53
Prague	102
Helsingfors	47.75
Madrid	102.25
Lisbon	375
Athens	617
Bucharest	411/32
Buenos Aires	34
Montevideo	34
Bombay	1/52
Shanghai	1/38
Hong Kong	118
Yokohama	27
Silver (spot)	134
Silver (forward)	134

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Porim left Shanghai for this port on the 3rd instant at 11 a.m. and is due here on the 6th instant at about 5 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. Talma will leave Amoy for this port on the 4th instant and is due here on the afternoon of the 6th instant.

R.M.S. Empress of Canada, is due here on the morning of February 3, and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will sail for Manila at 8 p.m. on the same day.

which thought it saw a rabbit in the opposite ditch just as he came up. He has evolved a very logical scheme. The Tibetan yak, as he pointed out to me, is a completely inoffensive animal, so large that it is easily seen, and so deliberate in its movements that it is easily dodged. He proposes to import a Tibetan yak, and to graze it on the turf strips outside his gates.

The local authorities, on consideration, will point out that on all grounds his yak constitutes far less

neighbour's red setter (which unfortunately—I quote him—survived the previous incident intact). I have warned him that Bumbledom in this country is the reverse of logical. But, despite my best efforts, he has placed his order for the yak—B. H. Davies in The Autocrat.

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, March 8.

COY.

Tainan, B. & S., Feb. 4.
Tjiondori, J.C.J.L., Feb. 5.
Hanyang, Douglas, Feb. 7.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 7.
Antung, B. & S., Feb. 8.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 8.
Taiyuan, B. & S., Feb. 11.
Tjilboet, J.C.J.L., Feb. 13.
Suisang, Jardine's, Feb. 13.
Tilawa, B.I., Feb. 23.
Santhia, B.I., March 10.

ANTWERP.

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 14.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 21.
Rames, Jochen, Feb. 22.
Kihwa, P. & O., March 7.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Change, B. & S., Feb. 16.
Kiano Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.
Tanda, E. & A., Feb. 23.

BALEIO PORTS.

Afrika, Mannors, Feb. 23.

BALTIMORE.

Foylebank, Bank, Feb. 4.
Helenus, B.F., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
Lonsbank, Bank, Feb. 11.

BANGKOK.

Chinhua, B. & S., Feb. 6.
Kaying, B. & S., Feb. 8.

BARCELONA.

Dorflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Leverkusen, Jochen, March 7.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, March 7.

BEJAWAN-DELL.

Van Houtz, J.C.J.L., Feb. 9.

BOMBAY.

Kidderpore, P. & O., Feb. 6.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 10.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Tokiwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 27.
Alipore, P. & O., March 3.
Venezia-L, Dodwell's, March 10.

BOSTON.

Foylebank, Bank, Feb. 4.
Helenus, B.F., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 11.
Lonsbank, Bank, Feb. 11.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Feb. 16.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.
Cingalese Prince, Furness, Feb. 25.
Taketo Maru, N.Y.K., March 1.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, March 8.

BREMEN.

Dorflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Havel, Melchers, March 3.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, March 7.

BRINDISI.

Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Venezia-L, Dodwell's, March 10.

CALCUTTA.

Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Talma, B.I., Feb. 7.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Feb. 14.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 15.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 27.
Suisang, Jardine's, March 9.

CASABLANCA.

Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 4.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Monelaus, B.F., March 3.

CEBU.

Helenus, B.F., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.

CHEFOO.

Luchow, B. & S., Feb. 8.

COLOMBO.

Kidderpore, P. & O., Feb. 6.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 10.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Feb. 11.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 15.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Portos, M.M., Feb. 17.
Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 21.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.
Tokiwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 27.
Malwa, P. & O., March 3.
Chenoncaux, M.M., March 3.
Kihwa, P. & O., March 7.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, March 8.
Venezia-L, Dodwell's, March 10.

COPENHAGEN.

Afrika, Mannors, Feb. 23.

DALNY.

Ninghai, B. & S., Feb. 4.
Antenor, B.F., Feb. 9.
Teon, B. & S., Feb. 9.
Hector, B.F., March 7.

DUTCH PORTS.

Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 4.
Dorflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Saurerland, Jochen, Feb. 7.
City of Lillo, Bank, Feb. 9.
Ninghai, B. & S., Feb. 9.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Feb. 11.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 14.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.

GENOA.

Ninghai, B. & S., Feb. 4.
Hanyang, Douglas, Feb. 7.
Chipping, Jardine's, Feb. 8.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Feb. 19.

GLASGOW.

Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Peleus, B.F., Feb. 21.

GOTHENBURG.

Shantung, Gilman's, Feb. 23.

HAIPHONG AND KOIKOW.

Kingyuan, B. & S., Feb. 12.
Kiungchow, B. & S., Feb. 23.

HAMBURG.

Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 4.
Dorflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Saurerland, Jochen, Feb. 7.
City of Lillo, Bank, Feb. 9.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 14.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.

HONGKONG.

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., Feb. 10.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Feb. 16.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., Feb. 24.
Hojo Maru, N.Y.K., March 5.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, March 10.

FOOCHOW.

Ninghai, B. & S., Feb. 4.
Hanyang, Douglas, Feb. 7.
Chipping, Jardine's, Feb. 8.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Feb. 19.

GENOA.

Dorflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Saurerland, Jochen, Feb. 7.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 10.
Peleus, B.F., Feb. 21.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.
Rames, Jochen, Feb. 22.
Shantung, Gilman's, Feb. 23.
Leverkusen, Jochen, March 7.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, March 7.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, March 8.
Venezia-L, Dodwell's, March 10.

GLASGOW.

Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Peleus, B.F., Feb. 21.

GOTHENBURG.

Shantung, Gilman's, Feb. 23.

HAIPHONG AND KOIKOW.

Kingyuan, B. & S., Feb. 12.
Kiungchow, B. & S., Feb. 23.

HAMBURG.

Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 4.
Dorflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Saurerland, Jochen, Feb. 7.
City of Lillo, Bank, Feb. 9.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 14.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Rames, Jochen, Feb. 22.
Shantung, Gilman's, Feb. 23.
Havel, Melchers, March 3.
Monelaus, B.F., March 3.
City of Chester, Bank, March 5.
Kihwa, P. & O., March 7.
Leverkusen, Jochen, March 7.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, March 7.

HAVE.

City of Wellington, Bank, Feb. 13.
Peleus, B.F., Feb. 21.
City of Chester, Bank, March 6.

HONOLULU.

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.
Hojo Maru, N.Y.K., March 5.

LOILO.

Helenus, B.F., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.

JAPAN PORTS.

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., Feb. 5.
Machoon, B.F., Feb. 6.
Tanda, E. & A., Feb. 6.
Nippon Gilman's, Feb. 7.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Venezia-L, Dodwell's, Feb. 7.
Leverkusen, Jochen, Feb. 8.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 8.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 10.
Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 12.
Khyber, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Autolyus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Saarland, Jochen, Feb. 16.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Feb. 16.
Athos II, M.M., Feb. 17.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Suisang, Jardine's, Feb. 19.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.
Eumacus, B.F., Feb. 19.
Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.
Alker, Melchers, Feb. 21.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 21.
Suisang, Jardine's, Feb. 21.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 14.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Feb. 14.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 15.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 21.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.
Tokiwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 27.
Malwa, P. & O., March 3.
Chenoncaux, M.M., March 3.
Kihwa, P. & O., March 7.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, March 8.
Venezia-L, Dodwell's, March 10.

PAKHOL.

Kingyuan, B. & S., Feb. 12.
Kiungchow, B. & S., Feb. 23.

PANAMA.

Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 11.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Feb. 16.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Taketo Maru, N.Y.K., March 1.
Hojo Maru, N.Y.K., March 5.

PENANG.

Kidderpore, P. & O., Feb. 6.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 10.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Feb. 11.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 15.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Portos, M.M., Feb. 17.
Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 21.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.
Tokiwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 27.
Malwa, P. & O., March 3.
Chenoncaux, M.M., March 3.
Kihwa, P. & O., March 7.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, March 8.
Venezia-L, Dodwell's, March 10.

RABAU.

Tanda, E. & A., Feb. 23.

RANGOON.

Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 15.

SAIGON.

Portos, M.M., Feb. 17.
Chenoncaux, M.M., March 3.

SANDAKAN.

Mausang, Jardine's, Feb. 13.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Feb. 21.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., Feb. 10.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Feb. 16.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., Feb. 24.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, March 10.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Afrika, Mannors, Feb. 23.

SEATTLE.

Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 12.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Feb. 17.
Protetlaus, B.F., Feb. 21.
Hojo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 24.
Pres. Lincoln, Melchers, March 8.

SHANGHAI.

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Kwongsang, Jardine's, Feb. 4.
Ninghai, B. & S., Feb. 4.
Teing, B. & S., Feb. 4.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., Feb. 5.
Tjiondori, J.C.J.L., Feb. 6.
Ichang, B. & S., Feb. 6.
Luchow, B. & S., Feb. 6.
Tanda, E. & A., Feb. 6.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 7.
Nippon Gilman's, Feb. 7.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Venezia-L, Dodwell's, Feb. 7.
Leverkusen, Jochen, Feb. 8.
Szechuen, B. & S., Feb. 8.
Antenor, B.F., Feb. 9.
Teon, B. & S., Feb. 9.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 10.
Sinking, B. & S., Feb. 10.
Foonshing, Jardine's, Feb. 11.
Taiyuan, B. & S., Feb. 11.
Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 12.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Feb. 13.
Tjilboet, J.C.J.L., Feb. 13.
Khyber, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Kwaiang, Jardine's, Feb. 15.
Autolyus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Saarland, Jochen, Feb. 16.
Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Feb. 16.
Athos II, M.M., Feb. 17.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Hopsang, Jardine's, Feb. 18.
Chongshing, Jardine's, Feb. 19.

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SHANGHAI	"LUOHOW"	On 8th Feb.	3 p.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KAYING"	On 8th Feb.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"ANTUNG"	On 8th Feb.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"TEAN"	On 9th Feb.	5 p.m.
SHANGHAI & DALNY	"SINKIANG"	On 10th Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"TAIYUAN"	On 11th Feb.	5 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KINGYUAN"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
HONGKOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 24th Feb.	Noon

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FEBRUARY 2, 1931.										FEBRUARY 3, 1931.										
STATION	Hour Knots Barometer Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		THERMOMETER	WIND VELOCITY	WIND			WIND DIRECTION	Hour Knots Barometer Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		THERMOMETER	WIND VELOCITY	WIND			WIND DIRECTION	Hour Knots Barometer Time	
		Inches	Milliv.			Direction	Force	Clouds			Inches	Milliv.			Direction	Force	Clouds			
Wladivostok...	12	30.22	767.7	9	...	N	N	4	2	b	6	30.19	766.9	...	...	NNE	N	6	2	0
Nemuro	11	29.74	755.5	...	...	N	N	4	2	b	5	30.02	762.5	...	...	N	N	2	0	...
Hakodate	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	NW	NW	5	1	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	NNE	NNE	1	...	...
Tokio	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	NW	NW	1	0	...	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	WSW	WSW	1	...	...
Kochi	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	...	...	0	0	...	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	NNE	NNE	1	...	...
Kagasaki	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	...	...	0	1	...
Nagasaki	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	E	E	0	1	...	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	S	S	1	...	...
Kagoshima	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	S	S	1	5	...	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	S	S	2	...	...
Oshima	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	S	S	2	1	...	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	S	S	2	...	...
Naha	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	SSW	SSW	2	1	...	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	SSW	SSW	1	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	N	N	6	5	...	...	30.03	762.7	36	...	E	E	0	0	...
Bonin Island	...	30.02	762.5	36	...	ENE	ENE	1	0	...	...	30.02	760.0	47	1	E	E	2	0	...
Chefoo	15	29.86	758.5	50	1	...	...	1	0	...	...	29.85	758.2	44	...	S	S	4	0	...
Shanghai	14	29.94	760.5	48	...	NE	NE	2	2	of	...	30.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gutaihai	...	29.85	758.2	56	6	SW	SW	7	6	7	...	29.88	758.9	58	1	ENE	ENE	3	of	...
Wenchow	...	29.82	757.4	60	1	...	...	4	0	bc	...	29.84	757.2	60	1	ESE	ESE	2	0	...
Foochow	...	29.77	756.1	73	0	S	S	4	0	bc	...	29.81	757.2	66	...	SW	SW	3	0	...
Amoy	...	29.83	757.7	73	...	ESE	ESE	8	0	bc	...	29.80	756.3	69	...	...	...	0	0	...
Swatow	...	29.92	760.0	76	...	SW	SW	2	2	bc	...	29.89	759.3	69	...	...	...	0	0	...
Taihoiku	11	29.98	761.5	81	...	SW	SW	2	2	bc	...	29.92	760.0	69	...	E	E	2	0	...
Taihu	...	29.95	760.8	77	...	WSW	WSW	2	2	b	...	29.89	759.1	68	...	...	...	0	0	...
Tainan	...	30.00	762.4	78	...	NNW	NNW	2	2	b	...	29.89	759.3	70	...	...	...	0	0	...
Konhuh	...	29.95	760.8	77	...	WSW	WSW	2	2	b	...	29.88	759.3	71	...	...	...	0	0	...
Pescadore	...	29.86	758.4	78	...	SSW	SSW	3	0	...	6	29.83	757.7	72	...	SSW	SSW	2	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.87	758.7	78	...	S	S	3	0	...	...	29.84	757.9	72	7	SSE	SSE	3	...	...
Gap Rock	...	29.87	758.7	78	...	SW	SW	2	2	...	...	29.78	756.5	68	4	S	S	3	...	...
Macao	...	29.83	757.8	76	...	SW	SW	1	1	b	...	29.79	756.6	70	...	...	...	3	...	...
Holhu	...	29.86	758.4	79	...	NW	NW	2	2	b	...	29.89	759.1	72	...	...	...	3	...	...
Pratas Island	...	29.90	759.5	81	...	S	S	6	6	bc	...	29.76	756.9	70	...	SE	SE	3	...	...
Phulion	15	29.77	756.1	79	...	SSE	SSE	2	2	b	...	29.79	756.7	73	7	...	...	1	...	...
Tourane	...	29.78	756.4	79	...	SSE	SSE	2	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.86	758.4	81	...	ENE	ENE	4	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bacao	14	29.85	759.2	83	...	S	S	2	2	b	...	29.88	758.8	70	6	...	...	...	...	...
Aparri	...	29.84	757.9	88	4	S	S	2	2	bc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.83	757.6	91	8	...	...	0	0	bc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.85	758.2	88	8	W	W	4	4	bc	...	29.88	758.8	67	4	...	...	0	...	...
Manila	...	29.84	758.0	88	8	WNW	WNW	4	4	bc	...	29.86	758.5	76	6	...	...	...	...	...
Lozopog	...	29.84	758.0	91	8	NNE	NNE	2	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.76	756.4	86	8	SSW	SSW	2	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taloban	...	29.84	757.9	86	8	S	S	2	2	bc	...	29.88	758.3	27	6	N	N	4	...	...
Hollo	...	29.85	758.2	88	8	NE	NE	4	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.82	757.5	86	...	E	E	4	4	r	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.83	757.7	77	6	E	E	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.84	757.9	...	6	NE	NE	...	...	bc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.81	757.2	90	...	E	E	4	4	b	6	29.88	757.7	77	...	...	...	...	...	0

February 3, 10.4. 15m.—The anticyclone is central over S. Manchuria.

A depression is shown over S.W. China and N. Indo-China.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 0.22 inch, against an average of 1.45 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 4.

Forecast.

1.—Formosa Channel ... Light, variable winds.

2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook ... S. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some light rain.

3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... light rain.

4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... light rain.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, February 3.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at 4 p.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer... 29.83 29.81 29.81

Temperature... 78 74 75

Humidity... 81 84 81

Wind—Direction SSW S SSW

Force 3 2 2

Weather ... Q 0 0

Rain ... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 81.75

Lowest open-air Temperature, 71.71

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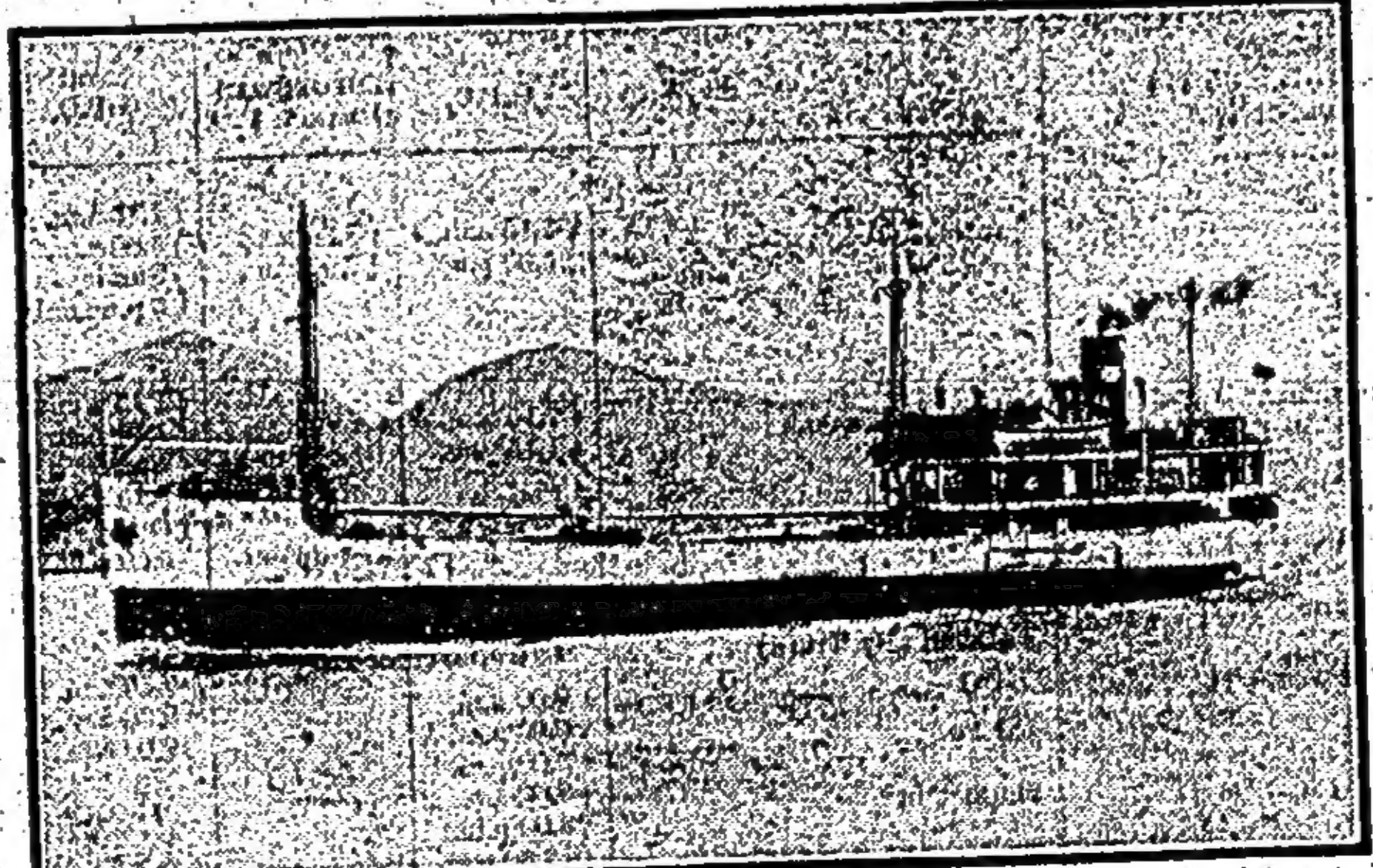
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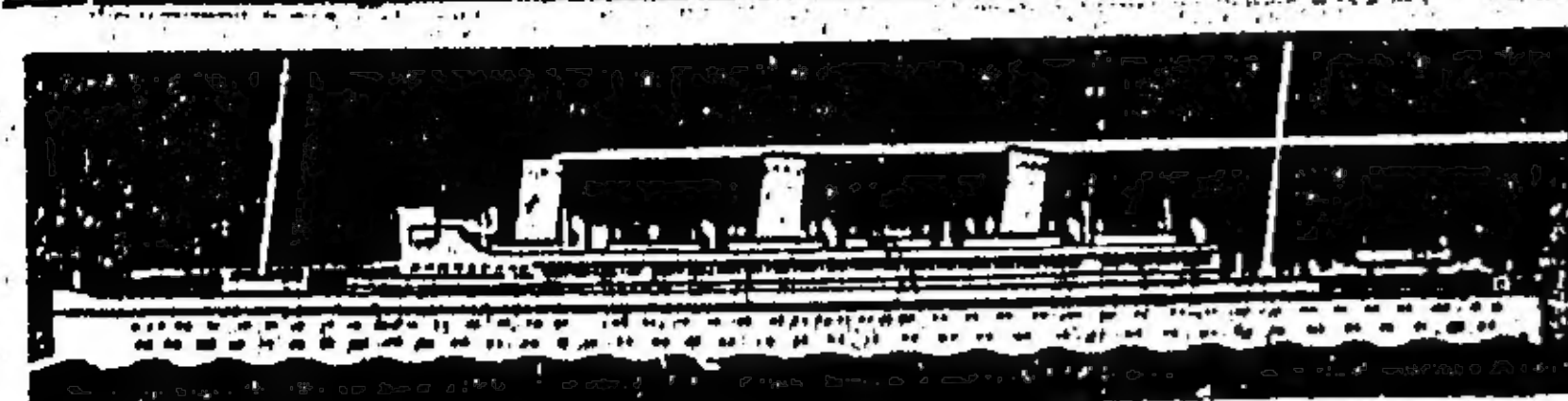
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 9,200 TONS;
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17,000 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

British	Canton	Through	Porta
Shantung	—	414	—
Keying	Swatow 1,731	—	—
Tainan	Amoy 350	600	—
Suiyang	Canton	—	480
Benyvis	Manila 1,296	2,600	—
Liangchow	Wuhu	—	2,110
—	—	3,307	6,304

Dutch	Singapore	Through	Porta
Van Heutz	—	669	11
Norwegian	—	—	—
Prominent	Singapore 629	—	11
—	—	629	—

Japanese	Singapore	Through	Porta
Melbourne Maru	—	—	—
Yantai Maru	297	1,037	—
Yantai Maru	Dairen 1,293	2,645	—
Sancho Maru	Keelung 670	600	—
Wunato Maru	Sea	25	—
Pacific Maru	Singapore 660	5,300	—
—	—	2,948	10,382

Chinese	Singapore	Through	Porta
Yuan Jeng	Saigon 1,100	—	—
Tehokam	K. O. Wan 450	—	—
An Lee	Canton	—	360
Cheung On	Shanghai 50	—	268
—	—	1,000	—
Total	—	9,153	17,057

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

British	Arr.	Dep.
Dutch	8	10
Norwegian	2	0
Chinese	6	3
Belgian	0	1
American	0	1
Danish	0	1
German	0	1
Total	23	23

CLEARANCES.

February 3.
Andre Lebon, for Saigon.
Assam Maru, for Shanghai.
Chak Sang, for Canton.
Chenonceaux, for Shanghai.
Chinkua, for Canton.
Chojun Maru, for Dairen.
Dozan Maru, for Hoihow.
Hai Hing, for Swatow.
Hai Ning, for Swatow.
Hanyang, for Shanghai.
Kwongsang, for Swatow.
Melbourne Maru, for Manila.
Pacific Maru, for Shanghai.
Sancho Maru, for Canton.
Suiyang, for Swatow.
Taikyū Maru, for Bangkok.
Tehokam, for K. C. Wan.
Wing Lee, for K. C. Wan.
Yantai Maru, for Canton.
Yei Jun Maru, for Canton.

ARRIVALS.

February 2.

Tsiran, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. J. W. Tinson, from Amoy, buoy No. A10—B. & S.
Yantai Maru, Japanese str., 2,069 tons, Capt. K. Kawachimaru, from Dairen, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

February 3.

Andre Lebon, French str., 13,081 tons, Capt. Sabini, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M.
Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. G. Morse, from Amoy, buoy No. A10—B. & S.
Benyvis, British str., 3,750 tons, Capt. H. J. Small, from Leith and London via Straits and Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb Livingstone & Co.
Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAnish, from Swatow, Jardine Wharf (West Point).—J. M. & Co.
Chenonceaux, French str., 8,389 tons, Capt. Danieux, from Swatow, buoy No. A1—M. M.
Chinkua, British str., 1,333 tons, Capt. A. N. Taylor, from Swatow, buoy No. B9—B. & S.
Chojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. Y. Maki, from Canton, buoy No. C3—D.K.K.
Dozan Maru, Japanese str., 971 tons, Capt. Y. Maki, from Canton, West Point Anchorage.—Wada Jimusho.

Foylebank, British str., 3,455 tons, Capt. C. S. Kewton, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6—Bank Line.
Hai Hing, Norwegian str., 1,415 tons, Capt. O. S. Olson, from Singapore, buoy No. C3—Thorsen & Co.
Hanyang, British str., 1,907 tons, Capt. C. Harris Walker, from Canton, buoy No. B15—B. & S.
Holikon, British str., 1,920 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. A15—Wo Fat Sing.

Kansan Maru, Japanese str., 1,533 tons, Capt. T. Kikaku, from Dairen, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.
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*"KASEMIR"	9,956	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'werp.
*"BANPUA"	18,601	20th June	Bombay, Marcellies & London.
*"KASHGAR"	9,605	4th July	Mars., L'don, R'dm. & A'werp.
*"RAWALPINDI"	16,618	18th July	Bombay, Marcellies & London.
*"KHYBER"	9,114	1st Aug.	Mars., L'don, R'dm. & A'werp.
*"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marcellies and London.
*"KASHMALA"	9,123	29th Aug.	Marcellies and London.
*"CATWAY"	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marcellies & London.
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